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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

NEW PERSIAN PREMIER; DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR ALLIES.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S TALK TO TRADE UNIONISTS.

What the Indifference of Workers Would Mean.

HERR BALLIN TALKS OF ENDING THE ARMAMENT FEVER.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

WORKERS AND THE WAR.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S STRAIGHT TALK.

December 26, 12.15 p.m.
Mr. Lloyd George in the course of an address to trades-unionists at Glasgow, said that he had come to submit proposals to them upon whose acceptance depended not only victory, but the saving of numberless lives. It was impossible for him to report through Parliament to the British Army that skilled workmen refused to suspend the rules to save their fellow workmen's lives on the battlefield. He refused to believe that the British workmen were less patriotic than the French whose devotion and self-sacrifice had enabled France to successfully withstand the terrible machine, which with the aid of the German workmen had scored the great victory over the Russians, but time was vital and help must be given without delay.

December 26, 5.40 a.m.
In his speech at Glasgow, Mr. Lloyd George said he came on behalf of the Government and at the request of the British Army to arrange for the manufacture of big guns and projectiles, and he added, "we need your help."

When Mr. Lloyd George mentioned that the Committee which proposed the dilution of skilled labour by unskilled labour included seven Trade Unionists, he was interrupted with some cries of, "We don't trust the Trade Union leaders," and when he emphasised the necessity of securing 80,000 skilled workmen for the State munition factories a voice shouted, "You won't get them." Thereupon, Mr. Lloyd George said, "I have come to face 3,000 Trade Unionists; will the interrupter venture to Flanders and face 3,000 British soldiers in the trenches?" (Prolonged cheers.)

Mr. Lloyd George, after paying a tribute to the French resistance against the German machine and the result of the co-operation of French workmen, dwelt upon the excellent work he had recently seen done by women. He said if the men failed to adhere to the Government's dilution programme, two alternatives remained—either to tell the soldiers that it was impossible to get the guns to enable them to win in 1916, or to tell the Kaiser frankly that we cannot continue and that he might let us off with the annexation of Belgium and the payment of an indemnity with a British Colony or two lent; he would certainly demand that Great Britain should surrender the command of the sea, and then Great Britain would be as completely at the mercy of Prussian despotism as Belgium was.

Dwelling on the necessity for haste, Mr. Lloyd George mentioned that there had been 300,000 casualties since the agreement between the Trade Unions and the Government last March, and said if the workmen helped thoroughly and quickly this would strengthen their claim on the British people at the end of the war for a redress of their grievances.

He concluded by saying that he wondered if the people realised that this war was a convulsion of nature upheaving the very rocks of European life, and said:—"All this chattering about the relaxing of rules and customs is out of place. You cannot haggle with a earthquake."

Mr. Lloyd George, after the meeting, had a satisfactory conference with the local officials of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers with a view to definite and immediate action for dilution.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

AFTER THE WAR.

HERR BALLIN'S VIEWS.

December 26, 1.49 p.m.
Herr Ballin, manager of the Hamburg-America Line, publishes his Christmas wishes in a German newspaper. He says the men called upon to construct peace will have the foremost task, besides ending a war which had destroyed generations, of simultaneously ending the armament fever. They will also have to find security that the sanguinary war will not be followed by an economical war which will separate the nations.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR ALLIES.

December 26, 10.10 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Teheran states that the Cabinet has fallen, and that the Shah has nominated Firman Firman as Premier. This is a great diplomatic victory for the Allies.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

CHRISTMAS DAY ACTIVITY.

December 25, 4.55 p.m.
An official despatch from the British Headquarters, France, dated December 24, says activity on both sides has continued to-day mainly about Ypres.

December 25, 11.55 p.m.
An official despatch from Headquarters, says there was normal artillery activity to-day, but nothing noteworthy.

MORE ARTILLERY DUELS.

December 26, 5.35 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent, the latest Paris communique reports that the artillery duel was most active in the Lombardtyde region of Belgium and in the Vosges, where the enemy fruitlessly bombarded our positions north of Hartmannsweilerkopf. Our guns did much damage in Alsace and Champagne.

THE RUSSIANS.

CAPTURE OF ENEMY'S WORKS.

December 25, 11.55 p.m.
Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that some sharp fighting is mentioned in the communique. The Russians repulsed an enemy attempt to capture advanced trenches near Boosacz, while the Russians in the Baraniches district surprised and captured an enemy work and held it against desperate counter-attacks.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

GENERAL CASTELNAU'S INSPECTION OF ALLIED POSITIONS.

December 26, 5.35 p.m.
According to Reuter's Salonica correspondent, General Castelnau (French Chief of Staff) has concluded his inspection of the Allied positions. He has had frequent interviews with the British and French commanders, to whom he expressed his satisfaction. General Castelnau has now gone to Athens, where he calls upon the King.

THE ITALIANS.

INTENSE ARTILLERY DUELS.

December 26, 5.35 p.m.
A Rome communique reports intense artillery duels on the Tyrol, Trentino and Carnia fronts, in which the Austrian guns continued to bombard the country behind the Italian lines. The Austrians hurled masses of rock on one village from the heights, without, however, causing damage.

MUNITION MINISTER'S APPEAL.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AT GLASGOW.

December 26, 3.25 a.m.
Mr. Lloyd George addressed three thousand Trade Union officials and foremen of works at Glasgow yesterday on the imperative need for the dilution of skilled with unskilled labour.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

IN PERSIA.

RUSSIANS DEFEAT PERSIAN REBELS.

December 26, 6.15 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent, details which have reached Petrograd of the defeat of gendarmes and rebels at Babatkarim, twenty-five miles south-west of Teheran, show that the Russians on learning of the arrival at Ebatkarim of a band of one thousand horsemen under the well-known Emir Khishmet, sent a detachment on Tuesday night in order to surprise and destroy them. The Russians found two battalions of gendarmes, five hundred horsemen and two hundred Bakhtiars holding a fortified mountain fastness. They were received with a violent fire and, after an artillery preparation, the whole force attacked and routed the rebels, one hundred and eighteen of whom were sabred during the pursuit.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 23, 7.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that Germany has replied unfavourably to a request from Greece to prevent the Bulgarians crossing the frontier. There are further reports of Bulgarian and German concentrations.

King Constantine is convalescent and has resumed holding audiences, though he is much affected by the difficulties of the situation.

Meanwhile the Allies dis-embarkations continue.

December 24, 1.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Greek public are most uneasy regarding the possibility of an extension of hostilities in Greek Macedonia, particularly regarding the composition of the invading force. The Greek military authorities, however, consider that imminent invasion is improbable in view of the fact that the Nish-Uskub railway is inadequate to transport supplies. They consider it likewise unsafe, because the Austro-Germans are not sufficiently strong to hold it against a hostile Serbian population.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT.

December 23, 7.15 p.m.
According to news received from Melbourne the Hon. Thomas Hughes announced that two hundred thousand tons of wheat has been sold to the British and French Governments.

LORD FISHER.

December 23, 7.15 p.m.
Lord Fisher is returning to London, having an enthusiastic farewell.

SIR E. BORDEN AND THE WAR.

December 24, 2.05 a.m.
According to a message from New York the Canadian Premier, Sir Robert Borden, speaking at a meeting of the Pilgrims Society, said that he was convinced that the war would accomplish an even closer unity of Empire. The Mother country and the Dominions had never before been so completely united in ideals, inspiration and efforts. He said: "I visited many hospitals where men from all parts of the Empire were brought into close contact, and each were learning better to realise the idea of Empire. All were determined to do their duty to the end."

Mr. J. H. Choate, the ex-American Ambassador in London, emphasised the Canadian-American friendship, and the need of America preparing for war. He added: "There is no telling how soon we may be involved in this war, and it is our duty to render whatever aid we can to our neighbour when the time does come, if ever."

"FORD'S ARK."

December 24, 6.00 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that Mr. Ford has not returned to America, but has merely retired to a sanatorium. He rejoins the expedition when his health is re-established.

THE RUSSIANS.

December 24, 6.00 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, M. Sazonoff in a strong speech to the Budget Committee in the Duma, said that the relations with Greece were now clear, and in consequence there had been the fortification of Salonica. The occupation of Hamedan Kirm had enabled them to "scotch" the German intrigues in Persia. Russia should in future adopt a firm attitude towards Persia.

He emphatically denied the senseless peace rumours, and said that Russia was determined to conduct the war to a victorious end. The Committee passed a resolution emphasising the necessity of devoting closer attention to the Persian front in view of the greater importance of the Asiatic theatre, resulting from events in the Balkans, and also urging on M. Sazonoff that besides military operations, the Government should take direct measures to consolidate Russian influence in Persia.

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TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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If the workers fail to adhere to the Government's "dilution" programme, Mr. Lloyd George says we must either tell the soldiers that it is impossible to get the guns to win in 1916, or to tell the Kaiser frankly that we cannot continue.

German Missions in India.
At the last committee meeting of the C.M.S. it was reported that the internment of the German missionaries in India left 100,000 Lutheran Christians in Bihar without supervision. They are almost all poor hillmen. The schools were handed over by the Government to the Bishop of Chota Nagpur, and the C.M.S. and S.P.G. from all parts of India sent some eight or nine English missionaries to take charge of them.

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TO-DAY.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES

South China Morning Post.

Shot and Shell.

"Send the shot and shell and spare the men" would seem to be the motto of the nations at war in these days. "In the spring of the year the Germans were using the prodigious number of a quarter of a million shells a day in the drive to the Belgian and French coasts. The Allies were sadly playing the second fiddle, giving men where they might have been giving shot and shell. The cry went up, particularly in Britain, for "ammunition"; and Mr. Lloyd George's statement in the House of Commons last week is to the effect that that cry did not go unheard or unanswered. Like a disease spreading (not as an unwelcome disease) over the body physical, patches known as ammunition have been spread over the body geographical of Britain since that cry in May. "We are short of munitions," National munition factories soon became a sine qua non in the ultimate success of the Allies whose daily life has become impregnated with shot and shell making.

Daily Press.

Duration of the War.

In spite of peace rumours, the probability of the war being brought to an end in the near future grows more remote as the struggle continues. Even Lord Kitchener's three years now begin to seem too short a period in which to conclude such a gigantic struggle, although the enormous expense must inevitably act as a brake on the continuance of hostilities. Britain fought Napoleon on and off for twenty years, during which her sacrifices were enormous. But, however enormous they were they do not approach those of the present war. A twenty years' war between first-class Powers is now impossible; even a seven years' war, such as Frederick the Great fought, is almost outside the pale of possibility. If Frederick the Great had been of a less obstinate nature and had exercised less personal magnetism he would never have been able to continue his war for seven years in the face of misery and devastation. His descendant, who occupies to-day the Prussian Throne, may have inherited some of his ancestor's dogged spirit, and, seeing ruin in defeat, may carry on the conflict to the last ditch and last man, with the desperation of the gambler.

China Mail.

Christmaside.

This being Christmas Eve, we offer our readers the customary Christmas Greetings. The greatest war in the world's history with all its appalling sacrifice of life, cannot entirely banish from our thoughts the time-honoured associations of the Christmas Season. Indeed, we are told in the cables to-day that even on the field of battle "Christmas promises to be most cheerful" and that the authorities have arranged for the distribution of plum puddings to the entire army. We who set our Christmas puddings in more comfortable surroundings will not forget the tremendous debt we owe to the great armies of gallant men who have responded so nobly to the call of patriotism and have kept our shores inviolate. Christmas is essentially a home festival and is evoked among our chief pleasures in this war as among our friends and the associations of the season may incline our thoughts to considerations of peace.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Ordination Statistics.
The Guardians in an analysis of the ordination lists for 1914-15, say that 503 deacons were ordained for Episcopate, compared with 670 in 1913-14, a decrease of nearly 25 per cent. The percentage of graduates of Oxford or Cambridge has fallen 45-3 to 34-4, and that of all university graduates from 65-5 to 56-3.

A Censor Story.
The Times is informed that a young lady, writing recently to a cousin who is a prisoner of war in Germany, mentioned in informing him of her father's intention to organize a small party to shoot pheasants on his property, that "father has great difficulty in getting guns." This valuable piece of military information was deleted by the Censor.

A Record in Grenade Throwing.
The record for grenade throwing in the French Army has been beaten by a group of men of the 17th Battalion of Chasseurs a Pied. It had been held by a private of the 1903 class who threw his grenades a distance of just over 121 feet. The new record, which is attested by the officers of the section concerned, is 148 feet from the line of the French trenches.

Penang Cricket Club Annual Report.
The annual report of the committee of the Penang Cricket Club says that in spite of a reduced membership there has been a satisfactory year. After allowing for debenture interest, bad and doubtful debts and depreciation, on the year's working there was a profit of \$1,190. During the year 62 new members joined, making a total of 333 compared with 428 in the previous year. Three members were killed on active service and eighty-nine are serving with the naval and military.

Japanese Tobacco Tax Reduced.
As the result of an extensive movement raised at the initiative of the Chinese tobacco dealers at Liaoyang in conjunction with the Chinese Guild at Mukden and elsewhere, the Chinese authorities have been prevailed upon to reduce the original 12 per cent. tax, which would be equivalent to three times the existing tax, to a mere addition of S.Y.L.20 to the ruling rate of S.Y.L.60 per 100 lbs. This has given a solution to the outstanding dispute. It is further affirmed that no foreign tobacco is to be taxed.—*Manchuria Daily News.*

Anglo-Indian's Estate.
Mr. Fredinand Spinner, of West Disbury, Manchester, and of E. Spinner and Co., merchants, of Manchester and Bombay, died on June 13 leaving an estate of the gross value of \$182,466, the net personalty being \$164,809. By his will the testator left—\$4,000 for distribution among the employees of his firm at Manchester and Bombay of 15 years' service and one year's wages to each of his servants of 15 years' service. He also directed that should his wife survive his adopted daughter the ultimate residue of his estate is to be divided into 20 parts, two of which are to be distributed among charitable institutions in Manchester and two among such institutions at Zurich, Switzerland.

The Floods in Siam.
Some details are reaching Bangkok of the extent of the disaster that has fallen on the Siamese Peninsula. Torrential rains, a tidal wave and a typhoon have combined to produce a most extraordinary state of things such as no inhabitant of the Peninsula apparently remembers to have experienced before. Thirty-six inches of rain were recorded at Singora in three days, and 16 inches at Bandon in five days. It was still raining when the mail left. The railway line has been damaged in several places, but not so badly as might have been expected in such circumstances. Still it is supposed that traffic will be interrupted for a week. The storm centre seems to have been around Singora, and the rains spread up and down the coast, being prevented from crossing the Peninsula by the hills forming the watershed.—*Economist.*

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Wednesday	29th March.
Thursday	27th April.
Tuesday	30th May.
Wednesday	28th June.
Friday	28th July.
Tuesday	29th August.
Thursday	28th September.
Friday	27th October.
Tuesday	28th November.
Friday	22nd December.

By order of the Committee, EDWARD M. RAYMOND, Hon. Secretary, HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS
For 3 Months 3% per annum
For 6 Months 4% per annum
For 12 Months 4 1/2% per annum
LOOK POON SHAN Chief Manager.

Let's forget after the show, Supper and Light Refreshments at ALEXANDRA CAFE, Oper till Midnight.

NOTICE. PEAK TRAMWAYS CO. LIMITED

TIME TABLE

WEEK DATES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st
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SATURDAYS From 10.15 to 11.15. Special Cars By Appointment at the Company's Office, Alexander, Sullivan, One Year's Road, Central.
—Buses and coaches are available for all our clients, and for the use of the Company's own cars, but not for special cars. The Company's cars are available for hire on application at the Company's Office, Alexander, Sullivan, One Year's Road, Central. The Company's cars are available for hire on application at the Company's Office, Alexander, Sullivan, One Year's Road, Central. The Company's cars are available for hire on application at the Company's Office, Alexander, Sullivan, One Year's Road, Central.

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BIRTH.

WILSON.—On December 20, 1915, at No. 59 Route de Say
Zooing, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. George N. Wilson, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CHRISTENSEN-VIPAN.—On December 21, 1915, by T. Baas-
chou, Esq., Royal Danish Consul General, Shanghai, Ove Andreas
Christensen, to Maggie Evelyn Martyn (Daisy) Vipar, youngest
daughter of the late Captain F. M. Vipar and Mrs. Vipar, of
Hankow and Shanghai.

DEATHS.

MORRIS.—November 19, at Bournemouth, John Morris, for-
merly of Shanghai, aged 59.THOMSON.—November 14, suddenly, G. H. Thomson, chartered
accountant, of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1915.

HONGKONG AND THE WAR.

The question as to whether Hongkong can or should spare any more of its young men to serve with the Colours at the Front has again been raised and has called forth two valuable expressions of opinion. The one, from His Excellency the Governor, puts forward the official point of view; the other, from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, sums up the attitude of the mercantile community. Both communications agree on the main issue, holding that the civilian population is doing its duty by remaining here and helping to maintain and build up the trade of the Colony. After these authoritative declarations, it is greatly to be hoped that we shall hear no more talk of the Colony failing to do its bit. The circulation of views such as these, as the Hon. Mr. Landale put it "without much thought or real knowledge of the situation," is not merely disparaging the efforts already accomplished but is bound to create a totally wrong impression of the true facts to people outside the Colony.

Why there should have been any doubt as to the situation we have not the faintest idea. His Excellency surely made the position quite clear some two months ago, when, speaking on the Budget, he reminded the young men of the Colony that the stronger the voluntary armed forces of the Colony were, the more men could be spared from the Regular Garrison and the Police to proceed to the Front. It was in direct connection with His Majesty's appeal for recruits that these remarks were made. His Excellency stating that while, for one reason or another, few in the Colony would be able to go to the Front, he saw no reason why those who had not joined one of the three voluntary forces should not respond to the appeal by attaching themselves to one of these useful bodies. The tenor of His Excellency's utterance on this occasion, and on others, left the distinct impression that the young men of the Colony could render their best service to the Empire by continuing to hold their business positions and, at the same time, becoming attached to the Volunteers, the Volunteer Reserves or the Police Reserve. In this way they would be serving the double purpose of releasing trained men for actual service at the Front and of advancing the commercial interests of the Colony and, therefore, of the Empire as well. That is the stand which the Telegraph has always taken on this subject, and until such time as the authorities indicate other views on the question, we can see no reason whatever for presuming either the desirability or necessity of drawing further upon Hongkong's civil population for men for service in the trenches. The mere fact that there has been no official announcement varying this considered policy—a policy which has the support of both the civil and military authorities of the Colony—should have sufficed to show that the young men who fill the double role indicated in doing all that is expected of him. For that reason there was in reality no necessity for a further expression of opinion on the matter, though one which disposes of the matter once and for all is now given by His Excellency.

Taking stock of the whole circumstances, we can fully sympathize with the business firms of the Colony and with the members of our voluntary forces when it is suggested that much more than is done can be done by our young men. The former, as Mr. Landale says, are endeavoring all they know to keep trade going with the already considerably depleted staffs, while the latter, by the time and service they are giving after business hours in the interests of the defence of the Colony, deserve the lasting gratitude of the whole community. There are still a few eligible men who have hung back, but these will doubtless soon realize their duty and set upon it. Looking at the question in the large, however, there cannot be the slightest doubt that the Colony's record since the war began is one of which they will be proud.

We notice from the terms of an official Mandate issued in Peking that the H.K. problem continues to exercise the minds of the authorities. President Yuan admits that the H.K. tax is operating very much against trade, and has revived the idea that it should be abolished and the Maritime Customs raised. That, of course, would be an intensely satisfactory way of dealing with the question, and it is one which would appeal strongly to merchants, inasmuch as they would be able to reckon their taxes on a fixed, definite basis. This they are quite unable to do now, since the extent of the H.K. charges depends entirely on the degree of honesty observed by particular officials. The H.K. collectors as a whole, however, are known to be pastmasters at graft and peculation: they see to it that a big proportion of the payments goes into their own pockets. And it is largely due to this fact that the system has been allowed to run so long.

A Discovery.

In the mandate referred to, one cannot help noticing the characteristic air of surprised innocence when the President speaks of recently hearing that the H.K. officials are far from what they should be. He says, "Likin stations are established everywhere and they are so densely situated that they resemble a spider's web. The collectors resort to all kinds of corruption and irregularities. . . . I have ordered the Ministries concerned to make preparations for resuming the discussion of the proposal to increase the Customs tariff and to abolish likin." What is really smug about all this is that the President should refer to the corruption of the officials as though it were some new discovery he had made. We have known for many a long year what a lot of rogues these collectors are, and President Yuan has known it too, of course. What is the remedy proposed by the President? It is the old, old story of sending round a batch of paid officials to the various Provinces so that they may "make an investigation" into the conditions. In other words, somebody needs a pleasant little junk at the Government's expense—and he's going to get it, too. The whole likin system wants sweeping away, we agree, for it is a terrible drawback so far as commerce is concerned. But what is required to deal with the matter is direct and earnest negotiation with foreign Powers—not the sending out of a few schoolboys on a glorified picnic.

An Alsatia for Rogues and Vagabonds.

"What should be the habitat of a peaceful commercial community has become an Alsatia for rogues and vagabonds, native and foreign," said a Shanghai magistrate in passing sentence, the other day, on the men concerned in the recent arms case. So far as the native rogue element in the Settlement is concerned, Shanghai has only itself to blame, and this the more thoughtful of the inhabitants thereof have long felt. Guided, or rather misguided, by a certain foolish section of the foreign population, Shanghai some few years ago decided to dispense with corporal punishment where Chinese law-breakers were concerned; and from that time onwards, the Settlement has steadily become what one of its own magistrates has just called it. The point is naturally one on which we in Hongkong are keenly interested, for it is, there or thereabouts, the only one on which this Colony scores over Shanghai. The law here in regard to Chinese undisciplinables is healthily sound so far as the flogging part of the business is concerned, and long may it remain so. That it produces good results is evidenced not only from Hongkong's daily experience but from the very decided movement in Shanghai in favour of restoring corporal punishment there. Physical pain is the only argument that a certain type of criminal will appreciate and no one with the faintest understanding of human nature would ever dream of seeking to introduce milder measures.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NOTHING ESPECIALLY COUSINHOOD IN DOING ONE'S DUTY. THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID DOING IT.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 55; dull.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 62; overcast.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail—Closes to-morrow per ss. Anhui 3 p.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 7/8.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 82nd birthday of Lord Bunsen, principal proprietor of the Daily Telegraph.

Chemists and Druggists.
The Gazette publishes a copy of the Register of chemists and druggists; it contains 18 names.

Exempted.
The China Coast Officers' Guild and the Pat Chi Club have been exempted from registration under the Societies Ordinance.

H. E.'s Private Secretary.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Richard Arthur Brashear Ponsbury to be his Private Secretary, with effect from the 18th December, 1915.

Muzzling Order Repealed.
The Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, on May 14, 1914, and August 12, 1915, relating to the muzzling of dogs, are now repealed.

Fall Court.
It is notified for general information, that the Fall Court of three Judges, as constituted by the Fall Court Ordinance, 1912 and 1915, will hold its next sitting on Monday, the 8th day of March, 1916, at 10.30 a.m.

Ceased to Exist.
In accordance with Government Notification No. 415 of September 9, 1915, it is notified that the Governor-in-Council is satisfied that the following Society has ceased to exist—Sport (Non-Chinese): Variety Entertainers Society.

Unruly Indian.
An Indian in the Royal Naval Dockyard Police was charged before Mr. Hazellard this morning with disorderly conduct and also with assaulting P. C. Andrews. The assault charge was dismissed, and a fine of \$3 was imposed on the other charge.

To Officials and Service Officers.

It is notified in the Gazette that all officials of the Hongkong Government and all officers of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces stationed in the Colony are expected to write their names in His Excellency the Governor's visitors' book as early as possible in the month of January.

Society Warned.
In exercise of the power vested in him by the Societies Ordinance, 1911, and otherwise, the Registrar of Societies, having reason to believe that the Wang Yik Club, has ceased to exist, calls upon such Society to furnish him with proof of its existence within three months from the date of this notification. In the event of such Society failing to do so, the necessary steps will be taken to declare that such Society shall be deemed to have ceased to exist.

Christmas Vacation.
The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on Public Holidays when the offices will be entirely closed, subject, however, to the provisions of Section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so far as it relates to the Criminal Sessions. The Christmas Vacation commences on the 24th instant and terminates on the 1st January, 1916, (both days inclusive).

Marriage Licences Cancelled.
It is officially notified that the licences for the celebration of marriages granted as below have been cancelled—Rough Mission Chapel (Cristigellian), Bonham Road, by Government Notification No. 29 of 1900; Bethesda Chapel (German), West Point, by Government Notification No. 488 of 1902; Basel Mission Chapel, Third Street, by Government Notification No. 488 of 1902; Basel Mission Chapel, Shekwan, by Government Notification No. 661 of 1904; and in

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S APPEAL.

How Germany Makes Others Fight.

Many months ago we suggested that, when the actual warfare came to be analysed and due credit given to individual workers, the world would find that the fighting done by Germany herself came very near to being a negligible quantity. No thing has happened since to persuade us to change our opinion on the subject. Germany is trying still to confuse and hurry the Allies, not by means of her Kaiser's belated sword and mailed fist, but by making Austria, Turkey, Bulgaria, etc., do the work for her; all of which devices are more firmly than ever that so long as she can successfully hide behind others, Germany never will come out and fight. She prefers plotting and seditious-mongering, creating troubles in America, etc. No better example of how she "makes war" could be found than in the proceedings now daily reported from Persia and Mesopotamia. Persian rebels and irresponsible Arab tribes are doing the fighting and Germany is seeking to get the credit for it with her own people. An added convenience attached to this vicious fighting is the fact that, as each attack is perpetrated, the British and German can push-poke the event and can dodge responsibility by denying that the "Imperial arms" have been beaten. They have not been beaten—entirely, for the simplest of all reasons: that those Imperial arms take very good care not to be about when there is real work afoot.

A Huge Bluff.

Even on the Belgian and Alsatia fronts, where it is impossible to press others to do her work, and where there is no avoiding contact with the enemy, heroic Germany still refuses to come out and fight. What she likes better is storming churches and villages from a safe distance, or, if she ventures on a sally, doing her work from behind a shield of poison gas. This, really, is the beginning and end of Germany's performances in the field, and it explains why, had it not been for the skillful politicians and loyal trade unionists at home who look good care that our men should not have too lavish a supply of shells and long-range artillery, the war would have been over by now. Each day one learns a little more of the truth about Germany; realise a little more that, when all is calculated and allowed for, she has been, from start to finish just one big bluff.

"The Most Urgent Problem."

One admires intensely the amount of hard and practical work which Mr. Lloyd George has got through since the beginning of the war, but why will he persist in knowing to these trade unionists? Is it that he too has an eye on the elections of the future? Or is he deliberately party to the atrocious Radical custom of seeking to humbug the public with fair promises and soft words? Let us look back, for a moment, on the latter day history of the industrial question at home. We were told that there should be no more strikes. More strikes promptly took place. We were given to understand that Government had organised labour, that the workers were under military law. And yet there came more strikes! Then the much-vaunted National Register came into being. By means of it, the Government was to know how much or how little every Tom, Dick and Harry in the Kingdom was doing to help in the overcoming of Germany. Yet, in spite of all this "organisation" that looks so well on paper, we now have the interesting spectacle of a British Minister pleading with trade union "officials" and imploring them to allow the law to take its course! What wonder is it that the feelings are growing every day in the minds of Britons that we need little wholesome Prussianism infused into our system? The shooting down of a couple of dozen trade union leaders, months ago, would have done more towards the enforcing of the law than all the pretty persuasion and conning that Mr. Lloyd George is indulging in.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news collected in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 27, 1914.

Hostile Aeroplane Over Sheerness.

The War Office announced that a hostile aeroplane was sighted at 12.30 this afternoon flying very high east to west, over Sheerness. Aircraft ascended in pursuit and engaged the enemy who, after being hit three or four times, was driven off toward the sea.

Thousands of Prisoners of War in Russia.

It is reported from Petrograd that the German prisoners in Russia on the 23rd inst., amounted to 1,140 officers and 131,731 men. The number of Austrian prisoners amounted to 3,185 officers and 221,447 men.

Russia Exchanges Territory for Guns with Japan.

It is announced from Washington that the Japanese Embassy has received official advice that Russia has ceded to Japan her half of the island of Saghalien, in return for heavy guns. The other half was ceded to Japan at the end of the Russo-Japanese War.

Berlin's Important Admission.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam reports that to night's Berlin communiqué makes the important admission, "We ceased our attacks on the Boma." Other passages indicate that the Russians are taking ground.

German Christmas Eve Attack Repulsed by French.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that a communiqué contains the following:—There has been considerable work on the sea to the Lys and some fog interferred with the operations. We repulsed, between the Lys and the Oise, counter-attacks at Neuvelles, Boisselles and Libon. One trench was lost, but it was recaptured. We learn that a very strong German attack had been repulsed at Chivry, North-east of Soepp. Our artillery in the region of Perthes silenced batteries bombarding the trenches we recently captured. Two strong counter-attacks were repulsed on Thursday night.

CALENDARS.

The approach of the New Year is heralded by the receipt of a number of calendars and diaries which come to us from local firms. These include very many distinctly dainty productions which would grace almost any room.

Among the art calendars are those sent out by the Anderson Music Company, which is adorned by a pretty figure of a girl's head; the Northern Assurance Co., Ltd., for which Messrs. Bradley and Co. are the local agents, showing a pleasing view in colours of St. Paul's and Blackfriars Bridge; the Victoria Dispensary, bearing a pretty reproduction of a painting entitled "Her Favourite"; William Powell, Ltd., showing a most striking coloured panoramic view of London; and Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd., the subject of which is the Argentine Tango being danced by two stylish partners.

Eff. office wall calendars have also been received from Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd. (King George IV whisky); the Toyo Kisen Kaisha; Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co. (the General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd.), together with a most useful pocket diary Messrs. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd. (Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.); Mr. P. Teeter (Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd.); Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd. (Queen Insurance Co., Ltd.); the Holland China Trading Co. (Futaba Accident Insurance Co.); and the P. and O. Company, who send us their usual pocket diary and office calendar.

JOINTINGS BY THE WAY.

An American paper gives us "Northcliffe's Determined Run On Asquith Administration"—Who's Northcliffe, anyway?

A useful lesson in journalistic geography. "He was educated at Weybridge, on the English south coast" (Singapore Free Press).

"It is denied," says Reuter, "that the journey of Colonel House to any way a peace mission." Why certainly; have we not Ford's Ark? What more is needed?

It must not be lightly supposed from the fact that one of our advertisements was headed "For Sale" the other day, that we are thinking of running an Agency Column. Our educated comp. is merely inventing yet another new system of simplified spelling.

Reuter complains of a lack of fat in Germany—a thing to us positively incomprehensible, unless the average German head has very much altered its constitution of late.

"The people engaged in educational work have not even the thin excuse of business as usual," writes a Hongkong commentator. "There's something in that. If we are to judge according to practical results, quite the majority of the people who have anything to do with the running of Hongkong schools might go to the Front without doing much harm to the cause of education in the Colony. It is even conceivable that their former pupils might begin straightway to benefit."

A Shanghai firm is advertising "Silk socks with ties to match," from which we gather that the partial extinction of the young men from Tooting is not altogether profitable to the haberdashery trade, and that there be some that would faint resurrect him. But we bow to the inevitable, and, in order to show that we don't altogether disregard the mandates of fashion, if that firm happens to have any hat-linings with bootlaces to match, we don't mind trading.

While admittedly, the way of the Unofficial Member who seeks to do his duty is, like that of the transgressor, hard—runs amount of solace may be derived from the fact that the ways of the Government are like those of Providence—past finding out.

We believe there is no truer in the rumour that all parts of the Bible relating to Greece and Macedonia have now to be submitted to censorship before they can be read in churches.

We are informed that the criticisms in the Times Literary Supplement are the last word in criticism. Now, perhaps, the Daily Mail will at last leave off trying to run a review column.

G. K. Chesterton has just published "The Crimes of England." Privately we should have thought that William Jennings Bryan and the Wolf Agency had pretty well exhausted the subject before G. K. O. thought of beginning.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

The following financial statement for the month of October, 1915, is issued by the Hongkong Treasury:

Balance of Assets and Liabilities on 20th September, 1915	Receipts from 1st to 26th October, 1915	Expenditure from 1st to 26th October, 1915	Balance on 26th October, 1915
\$2,522,076.65	1,190,972.45	3,712,989.14	\$1,999,959.96

WAR TELEGRAMS

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TOTAL BRITISH CASUALTIES.

December 24, 2.35 p.m.
Mr. Asquith announces that the total British casualties up to December 9 in France has been 371,517, of which number there had been killed 4,829 officers and 77,473 men. There were missing 1,639 officers and 52,685 men. In the other theatres, except the Dardanelles, the total had been 24,019 of which 871 officers and 10,953 men were killed. The grand total in all theatres were—Killed, 119,923; wounded, 338,758; and missing 60,546.

GERMANY APOLOGISES

December 24, 1.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says that Germany has apologized for the seizure of the Swedish steamer Argo in Swedish waters.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 24, 4.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that in the communique there is nothing to report.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

December 24, 6.20 p.m.
Later news makes it clear that the rumours of the Russian landing at Varna are baseless.

LINER FREIGHTS.

December 24, 6.20 p.m.
The Times learns that liner freights from the United Kingdom to all Indian ports is to be raised substantially early in the new year.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

December 24, 6.20 p.m.
It is announced that two German submarines have been sent by rail to Rostochuk and thence to Varna for the defence of the Bulgarian coast.

THE ITALIANS.

December 24, 6.20 p.m.
A Rome telegram states that an Italian destroyer has rammed and sunk an enemy submarine in the Adriatic, also a large Austrian ship laden with arms, doubtless for the Albanians.

December 24, 6.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome the Italian Government has announced a National Five Per Cent. Loan, redeemable in twenty-five years at 97.

A SURPRISING DISCOVERY.

December 24, 6.20 p.m.
Divers searching a wreck off the Danish coast in the Baltic, were surprised to discover the remains of a German submarine lying at the bottom, evidently torpedoed.

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CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

Quietness the Predominating Note.

The times of stress through which we are at present passing, naturally imposed a certain degree of restraint upon the enjoyment which usually characterizes the spending of the festive season in the Colony, but this fact notwithstanding, Christmas was, on the whole, fittingly and quietly celebrated.

The season is generally an enjoyable one in the Colony, although to the new-comer the impression is given that there is a rather pathetic attempt made by all to observe the traditions associated with it—an honest desire on their part to keep up the good old customs as they are kept up at home. But for all that, it must be conceded that there is a decided absence of the real "Christmas" spirit.

However, there is a keen endeavour to follow out the old customs, and it is by no means an abortive one. This year, though not quite so merry as previous ones, was spent with an air of quiet enjoyment by most people, and for those who wished to enter into more strenuous pleasures there was ample opportunity. Tennis parties, were very much in evidence, and joyous times were spent at the many private house parties, while several dances were in full swing on Christmas Eve, the premier of which was that at the Hongkong Hotel, where a gay throng foregathered, and thoroughly entered into the spirit of the event. The special arrangements made by the management of the various hotels were greatly appreciated and patronized by residents and visitors, and the cinematograph shows were also well attended.

The weather on Christmas Day being gloriously fine, many people

took walks on the Peak, while others participated in "joy rides" by motor to the many places of beauty and interest with which the island abounds. This form of enjoyment was, indeed, one of the most popular during the day. Of course there were the golf, tennis, cricket and football enthusiasts who never could be happy unless they devoted the whole of their holidays to the sport of their choice, and this they did assiduously. There was no mistake about that.

On the whole, Christmas in the Colony has been well spent, despite the depressing conditions prevailing, and it is past there is a lingering regret left behind that it was so short.

Hongkong Hotel Dance.
The first of the three dances arranged by the management of the Hongkong Hotel for the Christmas season took place on Friday night and was in every way a most successful function. The most admirable arrangements had been made by the energetic manager (Mr. J. H. Taggart) and his staff for the convenience of guests, who turned up in large numbers. Evergreen decorations adorned the entrance to the hotel as well as the interior, while the lounge on the first floor was made additionally attractive by the use of numbers of crimson Japanese lanterns, most effectively arranged. Two rooms were set aside for dancers and these were prettily illuminated with coloured lights. Harmony was supplied by the popular band of the 74th Punjab (under Bandmaster J. W. Christian), which played the following selections during dinner, in addition to providing the dance music later on—

- 1.—March—"Till the Boys Come Home"—Hanna.
- 2.—Overture—"Yule-Tide"—Kappay.
- 3.—Selection—"To-night's the Night"—Rubens.
- 4.—Intermezzo—"The Butterfly"—Benzix.

Special menus were served for dinner in the Grill Room and the Dining Room, the whole of

INDIANS AT PRUD.

Strange Shooting Case in Canada.
Abbotsford, November 18.—The case of Pertab Singh, Indar Singh, Dewar Singh and Mit Singh will come up for preliminary hearing on November 17 at 11 a.m. This case arose out of the attempted killing of Mit Singh, a Sikh priest, in Matqui a short distance from Abbotsford, a month or so ago. At that time, it will be remembered, Pertab Singh, the assistant, was so badly injured by Mit Singh, his intended victim, that he was removed to the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster and for some time it was thought he would die. Two shots were fired at the priest, by Pertab Singh but the priest was practically unharmed. Later, on information given to the police, Indar Singh and Dewar Singh were arrested by Constable De Lar and held in connection with the shooting.

When the case came up for trial before Messrs. E. W. King and Wm. Merryfield, J.P., on Tuesday it was reported that Pertab Singh was still too ill to appear in court and a remand of eight days was asked for. Before Crutchbanks, who appeared on behalf of the municipality of Matsqui, made no objection and the case was postponed for eight days.

The seats being booked up some days in advance. It was a merry company which enjoyed the good fare provided, reasonable dishes figuring, of course, on the menu.

The dance programme, which contained twelve numbers, in addition to extras, consisted solely of waltzes and two-steps, and it was midnight by the time the last waltz was reached. Altogether the affair was a most enjoyable one, and the similar gatherings arranged for to-night and New Year's Eve give promise of being equally successful.

Church Services.

On Christmas Morning there were four celebrations of Holy Communion at St. John's Cathedral, there being a large number of communicants present. The Bishop of Victoria was the celebrant at the service at 7.45 a.m. and the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle (Chaplain of the Cathedral) was the preacher at the 11 o'clock service. The choir rendered the anthem "O Zion that bringest glad tidings."

The interior of the Cathedral was tastefully decorated, those responsible being—
Messdames Wakeman, Copley Moyle, Ram, Patterson, Marriott, Looker, Taylor, H. Hancock, and Newall, Misses Barrow and Gorham. The usual collection for the Diocesan Girls' School and Orphanage was taken up at this service, and realized over \$260.

The Holy Communion services were conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyle at the peak Church on Christmas Morning, and the church which had been nicely decorated was the work of Messdames Pamflett and Hornby.

There was a large congregation at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Christmas Day when the Bishop of Victoria preached. The sacred edifice had been decorated with flowers etc., by the following ladies—
Messdames N. O. Pope, Packham, Christian, Martin, Stone, Richardson, and S. E. Green, Misses Cross, Robson, Neave and Jessie Jack.

At the Union Church the service was conducted by the Minister (Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald).

Catholic Services.
At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the other Catholic churches of the Colony all services were well attended. The Midnight Mass at the Cathedral attracted, as usual, a congregation that was out of all proportion to the vast seating accommodation of the building, many persons remaining standing along the aisles throughout the long service.

At the 10 o'clock Mass on Christmas morning at St. Joseph's, Don Peroni celebrated. "Mass Pontificale" was beautifully rendered by the choir, and the orchestral accompaniment was all that could be desired. A Christmas sermon, full of deep thought, was preached by Rev. Father Augustini, and Benediction was given by His Lordship the Bishop.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

SOME OF OUR

BY-PRODUCTS AND SPECIALITIES.

CORNED BEEF,

CORNED PORK,

VARIETY OF SAUSAGES

PRESSED BEEF,
DRIPPING,CLOCKED HAM,
LARD,CORNED TONGUES,
PORK PIES.SMOKED TONGUES,
GAME PIES.

WHICH CANNOT BE EXCELLED FOR QUALITY.

TELEGRAMS.

SIR ERNEST CASSELL'S GIFT.

Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."
Received December 25.
Sir Ernest Cassel has sent a Christmas gift to the British Red Cross Society of \$25,000 of War Loan stock.

MR. FORD LEAVES THE "ARK."

Received December 25.
The National Tidelines correspondent at Christiania says that Mr. Ford has left with his Secretary for Bergen to catch the liner for America. He is going back home on doctor's orders, "to rest his nerves." The expedition proceeded to Stockholm, ignorant of Mr. Ford's departure.

SILVER MARKET INANIMATE.

Received December 25.
Messrs. Montagu report that the silver market has been inanimate throughout the week. There have been a few buying orders from the Indian bazars which were set off by China sales. American offerings are distinctly limited. The Continental demand is still in abeyance. The approach of Christmas contributes to the inactivity of the market.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday.—]

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT.

Received December 25.
It appears that the report that Madame Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill was "greatly exaggerated." Madame Bernhardt is now perfectly well.

MR. WEDGWOD GOES TO EAST AFRICA.

Received December 25.
Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., has sailed for East Africa.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.

Received December 25.
Parliament adjourned till the 4th January.

ROYAL FAMILY AT SANDRINGHAM.

Received December 25.
His Majesty the King and the members of the Royal Family have gone to Sandringham for Christmas.

DUTCH WAR CREDIT.

Received December 25.
According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, the second Chamber has voted an extraordinary War Credit of 11,500,000.

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

THE GOAL DRAWING NEARER.

His Majesty the King has sent a Christmas greeting to all the men serving in the Forces at the present time. Major-General F. Ventris, Commanding the Troops in China, having received the following—

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There are many of their comrades now ailing in hospital and to these brave men also I desire, with the Queen, to express our deep gratitude and our earnest prayers for their recovery.

Officers and men of the Navy and of the Army, another year is drawing to a close, as it began, in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to know the goal to which you are striving draws nearer into sight.

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Notice to Mariners.

Yangtze River.—Alteration in
Buoyage. Notice is given that
the following changes in the
buoyage of the Yangtze River
Crossing have been made. The East
Entrance Buoy is now a red and
black horizontally striped buoy,
gas-lighted. It is moored in 45
feet of water in the fairway at the
northern entrance to the Cross-
ing. From the Buoy, North-
west Beacon bears N. 47 degree
W., distant 3.84 miles. The First
Crossing Buoy has been discon-
tinued. The Second Crossing
Buoy, which will hereafter be
known as the Crossing Buoy, is
a red buoy, gas-lighted. It is
moored in 12 feet of water on the
western side of the Crossing.
From the Buoy, North-west
Beacon bears N. 21 degree W.,
distant 4.04 miles. The West
Split Buoy is now moored in 32
feet of water off the end of the
split on the eastern side of the
southern entrance to the Crossing,
its characteristics remaining un-
changed. From the Buoy,
Quarantine Beacon bears S. 45
degree E., distant 3.91 miles. All
bearings given are magnetic, and
depths are those of low water of
spring tides. The Crossing is in
a state of rapid change and should
be navigated with extreme
caution.

Indian Coastal Trade Hard Hit.

The interruption of trade, caused
by the suspension or dimini-
tion of coastal steamer sailings, is
having serious consequences in
several directions, say the *Rangoon*
Times. The S.S. "Ramapora"
has been taken off the Moulmein
run, and consequently traffic with
that port is limited to the railway
line. This results not merely in
inconvenience and delay, but in
actual loss of business. Already
complaints are being made of the
dislocation of trade due to the
inability of the railway company
to handle speedily the traffic that
is now consigned to Moulmein.
Traders assert that for one reason
or another the railway is not able
to cope with their demands, and
complain of the absence of facili-
ties for handling heavy goods,
such as machinery. Furthermore,
there is no telephone between
Moulmein and Martaban, the ter-
minus of the line, and the railway
has refused to install one in re-
sponse to a local demand. Such
refusal is quite incomprehensible,
as is also the continuance, after
more than one complaint, of the
bad light at Martaban Jetty. The
traders' complaint is all the more
serious, as the sea passage brought
goods direct to Moulmein, whereas
the railway route involves trans-
shipment at Martaban terminal
which was not designed for such
a rush of traffic as is now passing
through it. The usual grievance
as to delay in getting
waggons has become acute
since the taking off of the
steamer service to and from
Rangoon. The Akyab and Ara-
can coast service has not been dis-
continued, as is the case with
Moulmein, but steamers are so in-
frequent that trade has been
seriously affected in this area also.
One result of this dislocation of
coasting traffic is the limitation of
banking business; when goods
are not being shipped as usual,
the call on banking facilities
falls below the normal, and it is
not possible to employ large cash
balances profitably, a condition
which reacts on general prosperi-
ty. There is a certain feeling of
anxiety among cultivators re-
garding the prices which paddy
will fetch when the crop comes
forward. A serious shortage of
tonnage will be speedily reflected
in prices, and the cultivators and
brokers are not ignorant of the
shipping position, hence the an-
xiety as to market conditions
in the near future. The free
market in rice mainly depends on
the supply of sufficient tonnage
for its shipment to India, Europe
and elsewhere; and it is worth
while for the Government of
India to have regard for the peace
and prosperity of the Province
and to mould its shipping pro-
gramme so as to meet the position,
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SHAI, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	Fri., 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri., 31st Dec. at noon
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Kumsang	Fri., 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Sat., 1st Jan. at 8 a.m.
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Fooksang	Wed., 3rd Jan. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 3rd Jan. at 3 p.m.

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London & Marseilles via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	29. Dec.
London & Bombay	Nankin	P. & O.	30. Dec.
Marseilles via Saigon & Ports	Athos	P. Thomas	3. Jan.
London & Marseilles via Ports	Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	13. Jan.
London and Bombay etc.	Novara	P. & O.	14. Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

San Fco via Manila & Japan etc.	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	29. Dec.
San Francisco & American Ports	Kyo M.	T. K. K.	2. Jan.
San Francisco	Aratan	J. C. J. L.	9. Jan.
Victoria, B. C., & Seattle etc.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	11. Jan.
Boston & New York	Kashimura	B. L. L.	15. Jan.
San Fco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	25. Jan.
San Fco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	31. Jan.
Vancouver	E. of Japan	C. P. R.	2. Feb.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	9. Feb.
San Francisco	Tisondari	J. C. J. L.	11. Feb.
San Fco via Manila & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15. Feb.
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R.	16. Feb.
Vancouver	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	24. Feb.
San Fco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	29. Feb.
San Fco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3. Mar.
San Fco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Anyo M.	T. K. K.	11. Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoon	J. C. J. L.	13. Mar.
San Francisco	Tikembang	J. C. J. L.	14. Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	14. Apr.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. Co.	12. Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14. Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21. Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	31. Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Aldenhams	G. L. Co.	23. Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	23. Dec.	
Batavia	Titaroon	J.C.J. L.	23. Dec.	
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haimun	D. I. Co.	23. Dec.	
Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	23. Dec.	
Shanghai	Tikembang	J.C.J. L.	29. Dec.	
Singapore	Fookshing	J. M. Co.	29. Dec.	
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	S. Jacob	J.C.J. L.	30. Dec.	
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	J. M. Co.	30. Dec.	
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Porthos	P. Thomas	31. Dec.	
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	31. Dec.	
Singapore	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	31. Dec.	
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	31. Dec.	
Sandakan	Mausang	J. M. Co.	31. Dec.	
Tientsin	Huichow	B. & S.	31. Dec.	
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	1. Jan.	
Singapore & Bombay	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	3. Jan.	
Batavia	Tyiwong	J.C.J. L.	3. Jan.	
Belawan, Deli (Medan).	"Van S."	J.C.J. L.	4. Jan.	
Manila, etc.	Taming	B. & S.	4. Jan.	
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Fooksang	J. M. Co.	5. Jan.	
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yhamas	Nellore	P. & O.	7. Jan.	
Kobe	Tyibodas	J.C.J. L.	9. Jan.	
Shai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Mongara	P. & O.	9. Jan.	
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N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 29	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tikembang		Dec. 29	Batavia
B. & S.	Felena	7,555	Dec. 31	London
J. C. J. L.	Tyiwong		Dec. 31	Amoy
S. T. & Co.	Kathlambs	4,104	E. Dec.	New York
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Kumsang		Jan. 1	Calcutta
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,227	Jan. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
J. C. J. L.	Tyibodas		Jan. 4	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	Malakassar
J. C. J. L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	London
G. L. & Co.	Bassem	3,586	Jan. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	2,003	Jan. 9	Australia
P. & O.	Monara		Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 13	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidzuka Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
P. & O.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	London
G. L. & Co.	Aldenhams	3,808	Jan. 30	Australia
P. & O.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
J. C. J. L.	Tisondari		Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 12	Seattle
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
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The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO MARU sailed
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will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the
15th February 1916 at noon.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. MONTEAGLE left
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and is due to arrive Vancouver on Satur-
day the 1st January.

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VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Standard, Am. s.s. 824, O. Johnson, 15th

Dec.—Salmon, Rice—T. & Co.

Kashim, Br. s.s. 1,148, Bazar, 14th Dec.

Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—Order

Telegraph, Br. s.s. 1,340, A. Fraser, 16th

Dec.—Salmon, 7th Dec. Gen.—

China.

Fuzhou, Br. s.s. 1,410, F. S. Malkin, 17th

Dec.—Salmon, 10th Dec. Gen.—J.

M. & Co.

Paloh, Br. s.s. 1,222, A. Tucker, 17th Dec.

—Amoy, 15th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

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Shinyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 6,362, W. C. T. S. P.

mer, 21st Dec.—San Francisco,

20th Nov. Gen.—J. K.

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—Salmon, 15th Dec. Gen.—J. M.

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Sungking, Br. s.s. 987, J. Robinson, 23rd

Dec.—Moji, Gen.—B. & S.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1915

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

New Rules to be Enforced.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that it is proposed to enact the following rules, with effect from an early date; the First and Second Schedules will be published later:—

Importation.

1. No person shall import or attempt to import any article without having previously obtained either an import permit authorizing him to import the said article or an import licence exempting him from the operation of this Rule.

2. Any import permit issued under the provisions of Rule 1 may be issued subject to any conditions, and if any person import or attempt to import any article in breach of any such condition he shall be deemed to have imported or as the case may be to have attempted to import the said article without a permit and without a licence.

3. Any import licence issued under the provisions of Rule 1 may be issued subject to any conditions, and if any person import or attempt to import any article in breach of any such condition he shall be deemed to have imported or as the case may be to have attempted to import the said article without a permit and without a licence unless he shall have obtained a permit for the importation of the said article and shall have duly complied with all the conditions thereof.

4. An import licence shall not avail to protect any person not named or referred to in such licence and shall avail to protect any person named or referred to in such licence only so far as may be therein specified.

5. Rules 1 to 4, both inclusive, shall not apply to any article imported by means of the post but the Postmaster General may in his absolute discretion refuse to deliver any such article to the addressee until such addressee produces a permit to import the said article.

6. No person shall import or attempt to import any uncut diamonds.

Exportation.

7. No person shall export or attempt to export any article without having previously obtained either an export permit authorizing him to export the said article or an export licence.

8. Any export permit issued under the provisions of Rule 7 may be issued subject to any conditions, and if any person export or attempt to export any article in breach of any such condition he shall be deemed to have exported or as the case may be to have attempted to export the said article without a permit and without a licence.

9. Any export licence issued under the provisions of Rule 7 may be issued subject to any conditions, and if any person export or attempt to export any article in breach of any such condition he shall be deemed to have exported or as the case may be to have attempted to export the said article without a permit and without a licence unless he shall have obtained a permit for the exportation of the said article and shall have duly complied with all the conditions thereof.

10.—(1) No person shall export or attempt to export any article to China unless such article is consigned to some person whose name appears on the list in the First Schedule hereto.

(2) Every person who applies for an export permit to export any article to China to a person whose name does not appear in the list in the First Schedule hereto shall endorse such application in large and legible letters "Not on List" and shall clearly draw the attention of the Super-

intendent of Imports and Exports to the fact that the name of the proposed consignee is not on the said list.

(3) It shall be lawful for the Colonial Secretary by notification in the *Gazette* to add any name to the list in the First Schedule and to remove any name therefrom and to amend the said list in any other way whatsoever, and the list as so amended from time to time shall for all purposes be deemed to be the list in the First Schedule hereto.

(4) This Rule shall not apply to exportation to Canton or the West River.

(5) Nothing contained in this Rule shall be construed as limiting the operation of any other Rule in this Order.

11.—(1) No person shall export or attempt to export any article to Siam unless such article is consigned to some person whose name appears on the list in the Second Schedule hereto.

(2) Every person who applies for an export permit to export any article to Siam to a person whose name does not appear in the list in the Second Schedule hereto shall endorse such application in large and legible letters "Not on List" and shall clearly draw the attention of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to the fact that the name of the proposed consignee is not on the said list.

(3) It shall be lawful for the Colonial Secretary by notification in the *Gazette* to add any name to the list in the Second Schedule and to remove any name therefrom and to amend the said list in any other way whatsoever, and the list as so amended from time to time shall for all purposes be deemed to be the list in the Second Schedule hereto.

(4) Nothing contained in this Rule shall be construed as limiting the operation of any other Rule in this Order.

12. No person shall export or attempt to export any article to the Netherlands unless such article is consigned to the Netherlands Overseas Trust.

13. Where a permit to export any article authorises the exportation thereof to a particular person or place or to a particular person at a particular place named in the permit, the name of the person or place, or both, as the case may be, shall be inserted in all invoices, bills of lading, manifests and other documents relating to the article, and if this requirement be not complied with as respects any document the person by whom or on whose behalf the document is made out shall be deemed to have exported the article without a permit.

General.

14. The person entrusted with the duty of issuing all permits and licences shall be the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

15. Every application for an import permit shall be made in the form in the Third Schedule hereto and shall contain all the particulars therein specified, provided that the Superintendent of Imports and Exports may dispense with any of the said particulars and may require any additional particulars to be furnished.

16. An import permit may be issued in the form in the Third Schedule hereto with such alterations or additions as may be necessary.

17. An import licence may be issued in the form in the Third Schedule hereto with such alterations or additions as may be necessary.

18. Every application for an export permit shall be made in the form in the Third Schedule hereto and shall contain all the particulars therein specified, provided that the Superintendent of Imports and Exports may dispense with any of the said particulars and may require any additional particulars to be furnished.

19. An export permit may be issued in the form in the Third Schedule hereto with such alterations or additions as may be necessary.

THOSE AMERICAN PAPERS.

Another Hongkong "Plot."

It may amuse your Hongkong readers, writes a correspondent of the *London and China Express*, to learn the American newspapers give some details of a plot recently discovered in Hongkong, and attributed to German influence. The plot was supposed to have been laid by coolies in German pay, and had for its object the destruction of the British population in that island. Apparently the plotters and the American newspapers left out of their calculations that Hongkong's British population is well able to look after itself.

in the form in the Third Schedule hereto with such alterations or additions as may be necessary.

21. Where any application for a permit is made, or any statement is furnished, in the name of a body corporate or firm or any other association of persons or organisation, such application shall be signed in addition by an individual member or officer or servant of such body corporate or firm or association, and, without prejudice to the liability of such body corporate or firm or association or organisation, the individual so signing in addition shall also be deemed to have made the statements and to have used the descriptions contained in the said application or statement.

22. No person shall, for the purpose of obtaining any permit or licence, give any false or misleading or inaccurate information or describe incorrectly any article which he proposes to import or export.

23. Every permit and every licence obtained wholly or partly by means of any fraud or misrepresentation or inaccurate information shall be void.

24. Any permit issued under these rules may be expressed to be valid also as a permit under the Order of His Majesty-in-Council made on the 28th day of October, 1898, and under the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1862-1915, the Certificates of Origin Ordinance, 1915, and the Declarations of Ultimate Destination Ordinance, 1915, or under any of the said enactments, and thereupon such permit shall be deemed to be so valid accordingly.

25. Every permit and every licence may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

26. The owners, charterers and agents of every ship which arrives in the waters of the Colony shall within 24 hours after such arrival furnish to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in the form in the Third Schedule hereto a true accurate and complete statement of all articles imported by such ship, provided that if the said statement cannot with all due diligence be furnished within the above mentioned time owing to the office of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports being closed it shall be furnished forthwith upon the next opening of the said office.

27. The owners, charterers and agents of every ship which leaves the waters of the Colony shall within 48 hours after such ship leaves the waters of the Colony furnish to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in the form in the Third Schedule hereto a true accurate and complete statement of all articles exported by such ship.

28. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Imports and Exports to grant exemption from any of the provisions of any of these Rules in any particular case.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

HONGKONG REFEREES.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—I am not a regular reader of the *Telegraph*, but a friend of mine has drawn my attention to the correspondence that has recently taken place in the columns of your paper in regard to that much-abused official "the referee," and a few remarks from one who has had ten years' experience of refereeing may be tolerated. I am afraid many misinterpret the word "referee" and usually construe their own ideas of his duties. Do we expect the code to be played in its perfection? If so it will be necessary that our players and spectators should have correct notions of the game.

The difference between the actual play of teams and a perfect rendering of the code varies, and it is in this difference the rulings of referees are called. The smaller this difference the better, and it can only be diminished by players making themselves as perfect in the rules as possible.

My experience teaches me that a referee is sometimes looked upon as a third opponent by both teams. This is a fatal mistake. Referees are not infallible, but this ought not to weaken the sporting relation between players, spectators, and referees. Yet it does. The game of football could be treated more as a pure sport in which the best skill and certainly best of character should predominate. If these conditions existed we could accept wholesale criticism of referees without any fear of impairing the tone of the recreation.

As present I think those long-winded wise-acts should be cautious in penning anything that may breed discontent, and perhaps weaken the fabric of genuine sport.

A. WEISTLER.

Hongkong, December 24, 1915.

COLONIAL LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Unwin is bringing out in his Colonial Library a novel entitled "Me: A Book of Remembrance," by a well-known author who prefers to remain anonymous. It is the autobiography of a girl of seventeen who starts out alone and inexperienced, unsophisticated but intensely alive, to make her own living. She is forced to take on both curious and ordinary jobs, and the story tells of these various men she meets, of their characters and their love-making, and particularly of her relations with one man, much older than herself, who dominates her. The story is full of "temperament," and though it covers only one year of the girl's life, it is complete in itself. A remarkable human document, a transparent piece of self-revelation, it tells with astonishing fidelity what risks, dangers, failures, and successes meet an attractive girl who goes out alone and unprotected to work in the world of men.

An addition to the list of books in the Colonial Library is a translation of a remarkable Russian novel "Mimi's Marriage" by V. Mikoulitch (Lidia Ivanovna Veselitskaya). "Mimi's Marriage," which has already been translated into at least five languages, and which had Tolstoy among its admirers, has many analogies with Tolstoy's "Family Happiness," though in no respect a part of it. It is a story of a woman's life, and is a most interesting and well-known story of a woman's life.

CRICKET.

The Club v. Kowloon.

The old standing rivalry between these two clubs promised to make the match that was begun on Christmas day of very interesting character, and as it proved. When the scores closed Kowloon were all out for 185 runs, and the Club, with wickets down had 108 to their credit. The remaining play was therefore of great interest, seeing that the last batsmen for the Club, who were hoping to pull the game off, had to meet some really good bowling. As will be seen by the scores below good scoring on the part of Whyte, Thurfield, Macaskill and Braga was responsible for the main of Kowloon's total. Bird headed the bowling for the Club, he taking five wickets for 57 runs.

Play was resumed this morning, when the weather was not of a very attractive nature, but despite this fact there was a fairly good attendance. The Club, continuing their innings, essayed to make up the deficiency but the bowling of the Kowloon men proved too good and at the close of the first innings Kowloon were leading by 17 runs. Play is still in progress. The scores are as follows:—

Kowloon (1st Innings)				
A. A. Claxton, c Pearce, b Anderson	5			
L. M. Whyte, st Gace, b Mass	47			
J. V. Braga, c Donnelly, b Bird	23			
N. M. Macaskill, c Donnelly, b Anderson	28			
Major Robertson, c Anderson, b Bird	4			
R. P. Thurfield, st Gace, b Mass	37			
E. B. Reed, c Muriel, b Mass	0			
J. P. Robinson, c Brand, b Bird	0			
H. H. Taylor, c Pearce, b Bird	4			
Dr. Forsyth, c Pearce, b Bird	0			
W. Kay, not out	0			
Extras	17			
Total	165			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	10.5	0	57	5
Anderson	8	0	43	2
Brand	4	0	16	0
Donnelly	4	0	18	0
Mass	2	0	14	3

Club.				
T. E. Pearce, c Braga, b Macaskill	38			
R. O. Hatchison, c Macaskill, b Reed	32			
E. E. Muriel, b Kay	18			
E. J. B. Mitchell, b Reed	11			
R. O. Brand, b Reed	4			
M. M. Mass, b Reed	3			
A. L. Gace, run out	0			
R. Kennedy, b Kay	8			
E. E. O. Bird, run out	0			
D. E. Donnelly, not out	1			
Extras	14			
Total	148			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	20	3	58	4
Braga	5	0	28	0
Macaskill	5	0	29	1
Kay	9	2	21	3

toys heroine, has the experience of marrying a man older than herself, and the study of her character may be said to be almost as intimate as Tolstoy's "Mimi's Marriage," in fact said of "Mimi's Marriage" that "the author must be a man, as no woman would be so frank in writing about her own sex." Though the book was published originally under a pseudonym, it is now, however, no longer a secret that the author is a woman. An introduction to the English edition is contributed by Dr. O. H. Wright, a well-known authority on Russian literature.

GUNS RED HOT.

German Officer's Thrilling Story

The war correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt*, Bernhard Kellermann, reproduces a vivid description by a German artillery officer of the fighting near the farm La Folie on September 25 and 26. The officer said:—"I had already been in the trenches for eight or ten days. It was no fun. I was in the foremost trench as observer. For a week there was a raging fire. We had ten to sixteen hours of fire every day without interval. Looking out from one of the trenches you could see the French digging.

In front of their trenches they burrowed while to the left and right earth flew. They were pushing forward saps and they dug one sap beside the other, and one morning the saps were connected and a new trench was there. They had approached within storming distance.

We had known for a long time what was to happen. On September 21 the firing increased in violence. It was indescribable. We were stupefied. So great was the mental torture that one said to oneself better dead than suffer this torture any longer. Still the men lived. On September 24 I was relieved, and the next day my success disappeared. Dead, or captured, who knows. Our trenches were all holes; one had to crawl over them. In one trench there was hardly a soul to be seen. Have you then no access to neighbouring trenches? Oh, yes. But where are the men? They are sitting in shell holes and dug-outs. The communication trench is shot into a shapeless mass.

Nerves Shattered.

Already the French machine guns begin to tap and bullets fly about one's ears. There is almost no more cover there. With burning head one crawls, stumbles back, saying at every step: "Now all is up with me. But one goes forward and is astonished—tap, tap, tap, the machine guns chatter—but one lives and escapes without knowing how.

A few hours of rest. Then again observation post. As soon as the incessant fire recommences nothing can be distinguished for five minutes. Smoke and dirt fly through the air. It thunders. The heavy shells go shrieking overhead so terribly that the noise alone is sufficient to shatter one's nerves. But one consoles oneself—our shells are doing the same to our enemies. The telephone rings—the French! Nothing else can be heard. A man dashes into the dug-out. The French are over there. One calls out to him. Did you see them? "No! Then hold your tongue!" The smoke cloud rises. What is going on? Is nobody there? Where is the infantry? No shot is fired. Beads of perspiration stand on our foreheads. They succeeded in penetrating through a piece of trench, which was completely flattened out under the protection of the smoke. The wire to the battery has been shot down. Nothing can be done. They approach in dense masses, rifle under the arm. They look, they stumble forward, they do not know what to do. They look as if drunk. Hardly a shot! Silence. In the trench they grow to the size of a thumb. So close they are, hardly 300 metres. The adjacent comes. You are still here? But now hurry up! One cannot mount a bayonet on a periscope. Dismantled, and back to the battery.

Night comes. The night of the 25th to the 26th. In the trench everything is quiet. The French cannot bring it under fire. They do not know how far their own men are not where they are. We too, do not know it. We have no communication. Silence down below, and darkness. No shells

go up, nothing, darkness and silence simply horrible.

No Ammunition. It is rumored that the battery with the guns has already been taken. All wires are destroyed. One lieutenant comes up. Are you still there? Yes, but we have no ammunition! Then go and fetch some!

Down to the depot. And back with four cases of ammunition. The road is closed by a curtain of fire. Shell after shell. One would believe it was hardly possible to come through. But it must be, and therefore it succeeds. The will has done it. But it is a miracle that one comes safely over the holes made by the shells. One almost suffocates under the gases of the shells. Dead horses are lying on the road, our horses tremble and refuse to move forward. And shell after shell while overhead. The French are shooting with incendiary shells on Vimy. Glaring red, a magnificent sight, the flame rises half a house high after the shell has exploded. You can see through it and behind you can observe a yellowish wall of gas, then smoke and fire, which in the darkness climbs and trickles. One observes that in spite of all.

The French artillery on that day fired it could. One incendiary shell after the other, then stinking bombs, one on every twenty metres of ground like a chain of pearls. A hundred metres behind a second chain, up to a depth of some kilometres. A curtain of fire on the road, shell after shell against the communication trenches. It was a fire worth seeing.

Now, the battery again has ammunition! Off! We find all the barrels became red hot. This is not exaggeration. Without thick gloves we could not touch them. The gunners' hands were blistered all over. Now it is day and the French send one storming column after the other. Quick fire against the first storming column, then on the second and the third. Again the telephone wire has been shot down.

Night Again.

But the enemy goes for the battery. Suddenly we receive flanking fire. Flanking fire! Where from? It comes from the direction of L'eclos. Some gunners fall, others are unconscious from the fumes. Suddenly a heavy shell whistles overhead and throws me down. I was not hurt, but my wrist watch was broken. The shell has hit a gun and has thrown it down the embankment. Two severely and some slightly wounded. It is hardly credible. A short time afterwards two more guns go to the devil. The damage is unimportant, only a few splinters disarranged the mechanism. We are firing with only one gun.

It is night again. The night of the 26th. It rains cats and dogs. The next morning reserves are coming up and throw the French down the hill. We fire. Suddenly we are relieved. We did not look back. Now we are at rest and are quiet again. But sometimes we suddenly remember those days and nights. And the sweat again stands on our foreheads.

Magisterial Corruption in China. The *Centraal*, some little time ago received from the people's Archibishop of the Metropolitan District, a petition, countersigned by 173 names, impugning the Magistrate of Chi-chow, on account of extortion and the forcing of illegal taxes, says the *Centraal* and *Tientsin Times*. The Magistrate of Chi-chow, Pao Hsiao, also has been impeached for similar offences. The Magistrate of Chi-chow, who had been impeached for similar offences, has already been impeached for similar offences. The Magistrate of Chi-chow, who had been impeached for similar offences, has already been impeached for similar offences. The Magistrate of Chi-chow, who had been impeached for similar offences, has already been impeached for similar offences.

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FROM THE PULPIT.

The Value of Child Life.

Yesterday the annual Sunday School collections were taken at the Union Church. The minister, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, spoke on the value of child life, the text being Job 29:1-6. "Oh that I were as in the months of old. When the Almighty was yet with me, and my children were about me."

Job, in recalling his happy past speaks of two things as crowning all his blessings. These are, first, the Divine favour; and, secondly, his sons and daughters. He inferred from his calamities that he had lost the former of these as well as the latter, and although in that idea he was mistaken, in common with others of his time, he was not wrong in associating the two things as chief amongst all blessings. Whoever has them has the best that life can give. If you have a Heavenly Father yourself, and children who call you father, you are a rich man. Indeed, you cannot be a poor man, and to take these from you would be to take from you your life, even as Jacob said of old, "If I am bereaved of my children I am bereaved." The Bible teaches that children are a heritage of the Lord. This is spoken of in some quarters as a "Jewish notion." It is, but the glory of Judaism is that so many of its adherents are Divine ideas. And the substance of this idea is that the children around us are the blessed gift of God, and that the nation or the household which receives it richly is highly favoured. The days when your children are around you are days when great happiness is at your hand. There are men who have reached the summit of their ambition in other ways who have failed to understand this until it was too late. They have succeeded in making all the money they want, and more than they can ever need, or in getting all the position or fame, only to discover that the price was too high, being the sacrifice of family life. A notorious American speculator announced some time ago that he had had enough of business and proposed to retire, in order amongst other employments to make the acquaintance of his wife and family.

But the man who makes himself a stranger in his own home is apt to lose the key of it. When the children are around you, see that they are close around, or it may not be possible to bridge the distance between them and you when they come to be mere children. Children may yield their duty, but their friendship has to be won. Those who have charge of them must not say they have not time to make friends of them. They must make time. People can make it for the things they really want to do. Punch's picture of the bus driver's children hiding behind their mother's skirts when "that man" came home once before their bed time was a grim irony upon some of our industrial conditions. In higher social routes the same error can be found without the same excuse. Children get little chance when parents are absorbed in a whirl of business, sporting and social engagements. Nothing can possibly make up for the lack of that mothering which is the birthright of every child, and that something else very like it which comes from every father who is more than just the breadwinner of the home. It is indeed a stupid and wasteful folly which sets men or women on a hunt for pleasure when the children are around them. Their pleasure is close at hand if they only take it, of a kind which will never sour into regret or bitter away character.

"Happy, is the man that has his quiver full," says the Bible, voicing again that "Jewish" idea. What then may be any new idea, modern, advanced, civilised, about the children "Eucumbraose"? Is that the idea? If so let us at least be accurate and refrain from calling it new. It is as old as sin, and common from the beginning in the dark places of the earth which are blighted with infanticide and similar works of the devil. Ask Mother Earth how many tribes and nations have died into her bosom from no other cause than the stupidity and selfishness, and contempt of the feeble, and dislike to take trouble which the despising of little children analyses into everywhere. Or search into history, and see how considerable a part of the very thing has played in the decay of Empires which dominated the world in turn and in turn lost their vitality and passed away. The races who inherit the earth are those who value child life. The Jews have known that, from the days when Moses' mother had to hide her boy in the ark of rushes, because there were so many like him coming into the world and Egyptians feared they would be outnumbered. When later, the same Moses led those people to inhabit Canaan it was to the disposing of tribes which caused their children to pass through the fire to Moloch and committed the other nameless wickednesses which go with that type of iniquity. The nation chargeable with these crimes in any shape or form were better if a millstone could be hanged about its neck and it were drowned in the depth of the sea, for its extinction, sure in any case, would be swift and less disgraceful. Certain of our newspapers sometime ago announced, to their great credit, that they would not advertise offers of situations to married couples without encumbrances. It is shameful and abominable that the very people who most need work because they are training a little family for the nation should be handicapped in getting it, and that a premium should be put upon peculiarly odious forms of selfishness of which there is too much already.

"When my children were about me," one thinks of that day in Galilee when the Son of Man, who came not to destroy men's lives at any stage but to save them at every stage, was "much displeased" with those who took it upon them to think the little children would be in way. No doubt the Shepherd would get quicker over the ground were he not encumbered by gathering the lambs with his arms and carrying them in his bosom. But who would have thought of calling him the Good Shepherd? It may well be that a man may get on faster in the pursuit of whatever he does follow: after if there are no little feet to wait for, no little mouths to fill. But where is he getting to? What is the upshot and object of it all? There are men who have "got there," as the saying is, to find they have arrived nowhere, because they took no time with them. But what of those who have "no children of their own"? Every child is your own if you have the parent heart, and there are some who have "none of their own" who yet do more mothering than some who have plenty. George MacDonald writes of a mother who loved her children because they were her children, not because they were children. God had given her to take care of. There is a bit of human nature in that, but not at all unlovely. The Son of Man had none of His own in the literal sense, but all child life belongs to Him, and to all who for His sake will love it. Tradition has it that the mother of Moses knew what she was about when she laid her baby where she did amongst the Nile's bullrushes.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

TURKISH LIES.

MORE FALSE REPORTS.

December 27, 5.05 p.m.
The Press Bureau states that the recent Turkish reports of the sinking of the monitors on the Tigris are untrue. No armed vessel has been sunk except two small river gunboats, the abandonment of which was announced on December 2.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

GENERAL CASTELNAU ARRIVES AT ATHENS.

December 27, 5.05 p.m.
Reuter's Athens correspondent states that General Castelnau has been received by the King. He also met the heads of the Greek General Staff at luncheon at the French Legation. He left this afternoon.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

AN ABORTIVE ATTEMPT.

December 27, 5.05 p.m.
It appears that Herr Reuss returned to Teheran after an abortive attempt at a coup d'etat. He subsequently left for Kermanshah where he met an emissary of General von der Goltz. He afterwards proceeded to Bagdad where he met Herr Vassel.

A MARINE'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

Fall from Signalling Station.

Private Frank Pentfold, R.M.L.I., met with a terrible accident on Christmas night which was attended with such serious injuries that he succumbed in the early hours of yesterday morning at the Naval Hospital.

It appears he was on duty in the Admiral's Signal Station when, in some way, he fell through a window, and dropped on to a sloping roof seven feet below, from which he rebounded into the street, a distance of about forty feet. When assistance arrived it was found that he had sustained terrible injuries.

The deceased man, who belonged to the Tamar, had not been in Hongkong long. At the outbreak of war, being a Naval Reserve man, he was called up.

Naval Man's Sudden Death.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday morning of a naval man named Edwin Manley, R.N.A. The deceased had been ashore and was taken ill. He was removed to H.M.B. Whiting, and was later conveyed to the Tamar to which ship he belonged, where he died of acute cardiac failure. The interment will take place to-day.

The spot was reserved for Pharaoh's daughter, and Pharaoh's daughter was nobody's mother, but the childless woman had a warm place in her heart for every baby. Our Sunday Schools would not mean much did they not mean that there is a warm place in the Church's heart for all child life, and that we seek to take all of it which comes our way and help to train it for Christian life and service.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

German Influence in Hongkong. (Nov. 28.) Mr. B. Peto asked whether attention had been called to the delay in the liquidation proceeding in the case of various German firms who were doing business in Hongkong before the outbreak of war, and to the antecedents of some persons who claimed to carry on business as a British or American firm at the present time; and whether any action would be taken to clear German influence out of this British colony.

Mr. Bonar Law: The whole matter is now under the consideration of His Majesty's Government, with the view of securing the object desired by my honourable friend—namely, the elimination of German influences from the colony.

Smuggling in China. (22nd.) Sir E. Cornwall asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, whether he had received any report from British representatives in China, indicating increased commercial activity on the part of Germans in that country; and whether the regulations in connection with foreign trading were being enforced to the fullest extent.

Lord Robert Cecil: No definite reports have been received, but there is evidence that the trading with the enemy regulations are already affecting the commercial activity of German firms in China. The reply to the second part of the question is in the affirmative.

China and the Entente Powers. Sir E. Cornwall asked what reply had been received by the British Government to the joint representations made by the Ministers of the Entente Powers to China with regard to the contemplated change in the form of government, and what further steps, if any, they proposed to take. Lord Robert Cecil: The Chinese Government received the advice tendered by the Entente Powers in the same spirit of friendship in which it was given, and for the present there appears to be no necessity to take any further steps.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Amendment of Statutes.

The Gazette publishes the following amendment of the Statutes of the University of Hongkong made by the Court of the University on December 10, 1915, under Section 14 of the University Ordinance, 1911. (Ordinance No. 10 of 1911), and allowed by the Governor-in-Council on December 23, 1915.

1. Paragraph 1 of Statute 7 of the Statutes of the University of Hongkong contained in the Second Schedule of the University Ordinance, 1911, is hereby amended by the repeal of clause 3 and the substitution thereof of the following:—

"Class 3. The Deans of all the Faculties and one other Member of the Senate, elected by the Senate."

2. Paragraph 1 of Statute 9 of the said Statutes contained in the said Schedule is hereby amended by the repeal of clause (e) and the substitution thereof of the following:—

"(e) Six of those Professors and Lecturers in the Faculty of Medicine whose services are only partly at the disposal of the University to be appointed by the Council."

Provided (a) That each of the six Professors and Lecturers of the Medical Faculty who is at present a Member of the Senate pursuant to the terms of the Agreement between the University and the College of Medicine of the 15th March, 1912, shall continue to be a Member of the Senate until resignation.

(b) That the six part time Professors and Lecturers to be Members of the Senate as hereinbefore provided shall include the Professors and Lecturers referred to in proviso (a) and shall not be additional thereto.

(c) That if the Court consider it desirable in the interests of the University that the number of the part time Professors and Lecturers of the Faculty of Medicine representing that Faculty on the Senate as hereinbefore provided should be increased or decreased it shall have power to increase or decrease such number but not so as to affect the representation of that Faculty on the Senate as provided for by the said Agreement of the 15th March, 1912.

EXPORT RESTRICTIONS.

The Proclamations made under the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance have been further amended as follows:—

(1) That the heading "Jute piece goods, jute webbing, and bags and sacks made of jute" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates be deleted.

(2) That the exportation of the following goods should be prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom:—

Jute cloth, bags, and sacks, all kinds.

(3) That the exportation of "Firearms, unfired, for sporting purposes," which is at present prohibited to all foreign countries in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than France, Russia (except through Baltic ports), Italy, Spain and Portugal, be prohibited to all destinations other than the United Kingdom and British Possessions and Protectorates.

Under the Defence of the Realm Act.

At St. Helier on November 6, Lindsey Barrington Jupp, editor, and Francis Johnson Ashelford, publisher, of the weekly paper *The New Jerseyman*, were charged under the Defence of the Realm Act with having published an article defamatory of the King and prejudicial to recruiting. The hearing was private. Jupp was fined £5, and Ashelford £1.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Riddle of the Balkans.

London, November 19.

The situation in the Balkans continues to monopolise public interest here. Everyone recognises that the whole position in South-eastern Europe is in a state of flux. Nor is it likely to change until Lord Kitchener has had time to review the whole situation. When last heard of this week K. of K. had arrived on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and it is a pretty open secret: both in regard to the Dardanelles and the Balkans the Secretary of State for War has been armed with something like plenipotentiary powers by the French and British Governments. In the Balkans our diplomacy has not been as successful as might have been hoped. The Italians were the first to elucidate the truth about Germany's relation with the Balkan States. But Italy had the advantage both of a more intimate acquaintance with the Balkans and a closer knowledge of Germany. Months ago the Allied Governments were warned that Bulgaria was preparing to throw her sword into the scales of fate with the Central Empires. This proved to be only too true. There is reason to fear that the later warnings recently received about the true attitude of Greece and possibly of Roumania are equally well founded. Nobody but a particularly shortsighted politician could mistake the game that Greece is playing. If the fortunes of war favour the Germans in this new theatre of the European conflict, Greece also will draw the sword on the side of the Central Empires. All the recent manoeuvring is merely to gain time, and Lord Kitchener will have to perform miracles if his mission to Athens is to succeed. It might have been different if the Allies had been the first to deliver the military goods. But the Germans were the first in the field with their legions and their heavy batteries, and they have been able to support their dynastic alliances by moral sanction of the only sort that is likely to be very convincing in this troubled region.

German Aims.

The Germans have already accomplished the main object of their Balkan excursions. Perfectly reliable accounts have now been received in London of what is going on behind the advancing German lines. Huge convoys with munitions are moving down to Turkey and huge convoys with corn are moving up to Germany. Thus the German advance in the Balkans has already to some extent relieved the military starvation of Turkey and the economic starvation of Germany, and to that extent the enemy is finding a loophole of escape from the stranglehold of the Allied Fleets. It does not follow that the adventure may not yet be fatal to the enemy. The Balkan operations mean that the compact position of the Central Empires, with their great advantage of interior lines and no flanks, is so far modified that a long arm has been thrust out towards Constantinople. If the Allies are able to concentrate forces in the Balkans, they may even yet succeed not only in overawing those Balkan States who are still trembling on the brink of active alliance with the Central Empire, but also in crushing the enemy's outstretched arm with disastrous results to the Central Empires. But this is a highly speculative surmise. The question is whether Germany intends to press forward in the Balkans with the object of forcing in Greece and Roumania, or whether she will be content

MERRY NUMBERS.

Cigarettes for the Soldiers.

Two jolly Jack Tars, despite their attempt to disguise themselves with raiment belonging to the gentler sex, made a trip round the hotels and places of amusement on Christmas Day, armed with collecting boxes for "Soldiers' and Sailors' Cigarettes," and Tobacco Fund. Judging by the noise the contents of the boxes made when dangled tantalizingly under the noses of intended victims, the two collectors had done well, and few, indeed, could resist their appeal to subscribe a small sum.

GENERAL NEWS.

Chinese Immigration into Singapore.

During the month of November 16,799 Chinese immigrants arrived at Singapore, against an average for ten years of 14,920. But the total for 1915 is only 76,242, against 147,150 (January-October) 1914.

For Indian Students.

A Press Note states that the Students (Including Military) Assistant Surgeons of the Indian Subordinate Medical Department who contemplate going to the United Kingdom for the purpose of seeking British Medical qualifications, are required to provide themselves before their departure from India with authoritative certificates of proficiency and respectability in the forms appended to General Department Circular No. 37 of 1915, published with the *Burma Gazette* of the 20th November, 1915. Copies of the forms can be obtained on application to the Director of Public Instruction, Burma, or the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Burma.

Polo in America.

Mr. H. L. Herbert, chairman of the American Polo Association, has issued the following report:—"In spite of the general business depression in the early part of the year and the disturbance created by the war, the polo season which has just closed has been one of the most successful in recent years. "One of the most gratifying features is the number of young men who have taken up the sport, and the skill they have displayed. This more particularly applies to the young members of the Long Island and Pennsylvania Clubs, which are exceptionally fortunate in having such promising material to draw upon." A number of new cups will be offered for competition next season.

with the economic relief secured.

in the form of food supplied from Turkey and will now attempt to come an active offensive either in the West or in the East. It is no use crying over spilt milk, and utterly futile to start controversies about past irrevocable mistakes. But there is certainly much to be said for the energetic sagacity of Mr. Churchill's views that, instead of accumulating huge reserves of forces in France, we should have done better to strike with all our available forces at Constantinople. Nobody believes that Gallipoli could not have been reached if the big "push" had not gone awry, though it is only fair to point out that in the more restricted area of the Gallipoli Peninsula there are not the enormous facilities for artillery preparation for a land attack that there are on the western front.

(To be Continued.)

NAVAL WARFARE.

"U" Boats in Aegean Sea.

The naval correspondent of the Evening Standard writes:

The extension of the war in the Balkans is now shown to be inevitable. At first glance it does not look as if the use of naval force was involved. Nevertheless, any assistance sent to Serbia from the Aegean side must have naval protection, and, as already reported, Russia is using her fleet on the Black Sea coast. A gunboat manned by British seamen has already earned the name of "The Terror of the Danube," and it may well be that its exploits will serve as a model for others to copy.

The failure of the enemy's submarines to interfere with the transport of the Allied Expeditionary Force to Salonica is, perhaps, the most remarkable fact in the week's naval warfare. The number of transports required for this undertaking is not known, but as the French troops alone reached a total of 15,000, it must have been large. That, moreover, undersea boats are infesting the Aegean Sea is proved beyond doubt by the sinking of the French liner Provincia. This vessel, of the Fabre Line, was stopped while on her way to the Piræus by a submarine whose commander gave the crew ten minutes to get into their boats. They were not far from the island of Cerigo, on which they landed. Whether their assailant was a German or Austrian boat is not specified, but in any case this is the first occasion upon which it has been reported that a hostile submarine has sunk a merchant ship so far outside the "war zone" as the Aegean.

Merchantmen Attacked. The occurrence certainly points to the fact that the enemy's submarines out there have been basked of their legitimate prey in the warships and transports of the Allies, and have therefore fallen back on merchantmen. This is a repetition of what happened in home waters. During the transport of Sir John French's original army across the Channel, an effective guard was maintained day and night until the undertaking had been successfully accomplished and all opportunity of interference had disappeared, and the same precautions have proved effective whenever reinforcements have been passed to the Continent. It was the lack of success achieved by it against this large movement of our military forces that led the Germans to employ the submarine arm of their service in the deplorable task of destroying peaceful traders. In this diversion of effort, however, they cannot be said to have been any more successful, for the Navy, whilst preserving its guard upon the battle fleet and the transports, has developed its resources to deal promptly and energetically with the new phase.

An illustration was afforded in the message from New York which appeared in the London papers of one manner in which the submarine menace has been met. It was stated that Mr. Lansing has announced that the protest by Germany against the construction of fast sea-going motorboats for shipment from Boston to England, to be employed against submarines, has been refused. This is the first authoritative statement passed by the Press Bureau in regard to the introduction of a new type of warship in the shape of an anti-submarine boat. Such a vessel, it has long been recognised, was bound to come into being soon in reply to the submarine, for all naval history shows that every new weapon of sea warfare has in time found its antidote.

In the meantime, the authorities have not been slow or backward in fighting the U boats by other means. The French and American visitors who visited the Grand Fleet recently informed the world that "several methods of dealing with submarines have been invented."

THE GERMAN LIAR IN CHINA.

"Britain no Longer King of the Seas"

German intrigues in China continue unabated, and it is becoming a practical question whether some decisive action should be taken to counteract their ill-effects, remarks London and China Express. The preposterous lies which are being circulated through German agencies amongst the Chinese might be thought to be so far-fetched as to carry their own refutation on the face of them, but whilst, of course, educated Chinese would not be likely to be gulled by such barefaced assertions, it has to be remembered that the mass of the Chinese population is ignorant, and so more likely to be hoodwinked by German pretensions. As an instance we may mention that a leaflet in Chinese was recently circulated in the Foochow district alleging that from the commencement of the war up to the end of May, 73 men-of-war of the British Navy have been sunk or lost, with an aggregate tonnage of 646,709. These figures are represented as authentic, since they are alleged to be taken from official bulletins not falsely magnified. The Lusitania and Mauretania are described as "small cruisers," the Arcturion as a battleship, while Britons are supposed to have "lost" the Resolution, Queen Mary, Tiger, and Australia, not to mention the King George V., &c. This precious document concludes:—"Alas! Britain possessed a navy three times larger (than ours), yet she, in her struggle with us, has been defeated again and again, and is badly worsted now. Judging from this, Germany is certain to emerge the victor of the war in the end. Let the world take heed of our warning that Britain is no longer the King of the Seas." This is only one instance of the sort of thing Germans are perpetrating in China. It may be noted, too, that a recent wire from Peking states that the German Legation is spending money freely in spreading falsehoods and lurid tales about India. To meet this false propaganda on the part of our enemies the Russian Press urges the necessity of the adoption by the Allied authorities of immediate steps in China in order to avoid a repetition in the Far East of the costly blunders in the Near and Middle East. The Novoe Vremya suggests that the German concessions in China should be treated as German territory and seized forthwith. Although such drastic action as that may not be possible, some steps ought to be taken to put a stop to this dishonest German activity in China.

vessels. Authoritative this may be, but from what Mr. Balfour said the other day, it must be more or less in doubt, since it is based on indefinite knowledge. It is clear, however, that the same methods of dealing with the submarines which are used in home waters can be employed elsewhere, whether in the Mediterranean or Black Sea.

A report from the Athens correspondent of the Nation states that in case of Bulgaria entering the war she will protect her coasts with four submarines which have been sent her by Germany, and which have been already seen off Varna. Our Russian Allies should be perfectly capable of dealing with this menace. They have asserted their mastery in the Euxine, and although Turco-German submarines have frequently been reported in those waters, they have never had any success that has been revealed. If it should become necessary or expedient, the Russian fleet would be able to repeat the same tactics which have hitherto proved so successful.

The problem is a simpler one, since there is no such fleet in being to threaten the communications as there is in the North Sea while the German navy remains undestroyed. Nor is it likely that the belt of mines which, according to the Lokal-Anzeiger, has been placed on this coast will deter the Russians. It has been proved over and over again since the war began that mines form no permanent obstruction to naval action.

TEN MILLION TONS OF CARGO LOST.

Taking the Wrong Ship.

At a time when the Government is showing anxiety to reduce the level of freights the report which Sir Norman Hill, secretary of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association, has drawn up comes particularly opportune. It deals exhaustively with the question of overseas trade, and completes the tale of the working of our mercantile marine during the first twelve months of war. He shows that there is a diminution of 22 per cent. of the total number of British vessels available for overseas trade caused by Admiralty requisitions, this figure excluding the hundreds of vessels employed in patrol and mine-sweeping services.

The following table shows the extent of the depletion of our mercantile marine, the figures relating to vessels of more than 1,000 tons net, excepting 300 of the vessels retained by the Admiralty:—

No. of Vessels.	
Admiralty employment	1,100
In Baltic, Black Sea, &c., ports	78
Seized by enemy	42
Destroyed by enemy	139

Total 1,359
To counteract these losses we have employed something like 100 German vessels. The losses by ordinary marine risks, such as collisions, wrecks, and so on, are not considered, as they are at least counter-balanced by vessels built during the year.

The conclusions at which Sir Norman Hill arrives are that, although Admiralty requisitions must be provided for, a very great part of the work of the transports is within home trade limits, for which it may be presumed smaller vessels might be employed. He estimates that the 500 British vessels of more than 1,000 tons net retained by the Admiralty would have carried during the year ten million tons of cargo into this country. In addition to this drop in our carrying capacity the foreign shipping available has been reduced by 35 per cent., and he considers there should be the greatest economy in the use of our ships and of the facilities of our available ports which have also decreased in number through the exigencies of war.

Sir Norman Hill does not go further into this question of Admiralty requisition. But it is now common knowledge that passenger liners with limited and inefficient cargo spaces have been used to carry coal. In some cases the passenger accommodation has been ruthlessly torn to pieces, and this will have to be put right at the country's expense when the vessels are restored to their owners. There is also the example of sending a steamer in ballast to South America to bring back a cargo, regardless of the fact that steamers were already out there waiting a return cargo. In fact, the Admiralty have commandeered with a high hand and spent with a lavish one in manipulating its requirements from our merchant service. It is believed that far too many ships are being held on hand than will ever be necessary, and although no one grudges our Admiralty for its preparedness for emergencies is an example to the other service—yet there comes a time when it should take stock and see whether a more judicious selection of vessels and a more economical handling of the ships could not be done with equal advantage to our overseas carrying trade and the national purse.

When this is done our authorities can approach with clearer hands, and more conviction in their arguments, the shipowner who profits by this artificially created shortage just as much as by the general deficiency due to the economic disturbances of the war.—Globe.

Theft from Tramway Company. For stealing a piece of brass from the Hongkong Tramway Company, a Chinese was sent to prison for one month by Mr. Hasland this morning.

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WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 5.)

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 25, 5.45 p.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that in the communiques there is nothing of importance to report.
 The British report artillery activity at Ypres yesterday.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

December 25, 5.45 p.m.
 The Russians have engaged 1,200 Persian rebels and gendarmes near Teheran and achieved an overwhelming success. They killed 140 and captured 70 rebels. The Russians only had an officer and one Cossack killed and four Cossacks wounded.

THE FORD "ARK".

December 24, 6.05 p.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Bergen says that Mr. Ford has sailed to America, and has given a cheque for a million kroner to finance the expedition. The expedition will in future be under a committee of five. It is believed that Mr. Ford recognised that the scheme at present was hopeless when he found that the official doors were closed.

LOYAL AUSTRALIA.

December 24, 6.05 p.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states that a crowd broke up an anti-conscription meeting at Richmond. There were the most lively proceedings the audience singing "Australia will be there." The Commonwealth Government appeals to the churches to hold a day of special prayer on January 2 for the Divine Guidance of Britain and her Allies.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 25, 3.55 a.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that there has been a lively artillery duel in Belgium where the German infantry, concentrated in the communication trenches at Lombardsyde, were dispersed. The French artillery has likewise been active further south, demolishing German works.

The Germans, after a violent bombardment launched an attack on the whole new French line between the summit of the Hartmannswillerkopf and Watwiller, but everywhere they were repulsed.

THE DARDANELLES.

December 25, 3.55 a.m.
 A message from Reuter's Paris correspondent says that in the fighting in the Dardanelles the enemy has not hitherto attempted to cross the Greek frontier.

THE FRENCH LOAN.

December 25, 3.55 a.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that M. Ribot, speaking in the Chamber said that the results of the new loan were splendid. The subscriptions amounted to five hundred and eighty millions sterling, including twenty-four millions from London. A feature of the loan was the vast number of small subscribers. M. Ribot emphasised that France was entering the market at the moment when the enemy was already showing signs of weariness.

EXPORT RESTRICTIONS.

December 25, 6.15 a.m.
 The Gazette publishes a long list of articles, the exportation of which to Switzerland is prohibited except through the Societe de Surveillance Economique, an organisation similar to the Dutch Overseas Trust.

ATTEMPTED ENEMY TRADING.

December 25, 6.15 a.m.
 A Bradford staff merchant has been fined £250, or three months' imprisonment, for attempting to trade with a German firm in Bangkok through an agent in Switzerland.

GERMAN NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSED.

December 25, 6.15 a.m.
 According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Berlin message says the further publication of the Zukunft has been forbidden.

INDIAN AMBULANCE CORPS.

December 24, 2.40 p.m.
 A Johannesburg message states that the Imperial Government has requested the formation of a second Company of the Indian Ambulance Corps for service Overseas. Recruits are now being enrolled. The first contingent of Indians left Durban for Europe on the 17th instant.

THE POPE AND PEACE.

December 24, 2.40 p.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that Cardinal Vannutelli headed the Cardinals conveying Christmas greetings to the Pope, and said that His Holiness, who was the Vicar of the King of Peace, was the most fitting to assist in restoring peace, right and justice. The Pope, in replying, regretted that the war had spoiled the traditional rejoicings and hoped, with the assistance of the Almighty, and the prayers of the faithful, that peace would soon reign.

FROM FRENCH SOURCES.

(Havas Telegram.)

December 23.
 Petrograd:—We progressed in the region of Riga driving the enemy back from the heights of Zkionars(?) (in Galicia) taking 100 prisoners, ammunition and arms.
 Rome:—Artillery actions prevailed on several sectors. We brought down an enemy aircraft.

December 24.
 Zurich:—Wolf's agency has announced that the Kaiser has abandoned his idea of travelling on the Eastern front, owing to an inflammation of the throat, which is alarming Berlin.
 Petrograd:—In Persia we have occupied Assadabad Pass.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of Saturday:—]

MR. CHURCHILL AT DOWNING STREET.

December 23, 5.30 p.m.
 Mr. Winston Churchill, in mufti, has visited the Premier at Downing Street.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

December 23, 5.30 p.m.
 In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that the British consul and colony at Kerman left for Banderabass under escort on December 18. It was understood that the Acting Governor of Yazd had been able to maintain order and that the British Consul and colony had remained there.

December 23, 8.45 p.m.
 According to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, a telegram from Teheran says that Russian forces from the Sava to the southward of Enghimam and to the northward engaged at Bahakherim, 35 versts from the city, forces under Emir Khiahmet. The fighting is rapidly approaching the city, telegraphic communication with which has been cut.

THE YASAKA MARU.

December 23, 6.15 p.m.
 The Yasaka Maru was torpedoed without warning. The French gunboat performed a magnificent feat in picking up, at midnight, all the 120 passengers, besides the large crew. The passengers included fifty-four women and fifteen children. There were eighty-one British on board and one American. All the passengers pay a tribute to the discipline and promptitude shown on board. All are now comfortably housed in Port Said.

TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

December 23, 6.25 p.m.
 In the House of Commons, Mr. Runciman, dealing with the position of British industry after the war, intimated that the Board of Trade had made investigations covering practically every department of our commercial life, especially enquiring into the use by the Germans of our financial and shipping systems, and the ownership of real property by aliens. He pointed out how British trade could be extended in Italy, South America, and the East, and emphasised that trade preparations did not mean that we were hankering after peace until the main object of the war had been attained.

THE GOVERNMENT AND MERCHANT SHIPPING.

December 23, 7.40 p.m.
 In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour, speaking of the shipping situation, said that an archangel from heaven would not be able to carry out the work of the war without some waste of tonnage. He did not absolutely refuse the suggestion that the Government should take over the whole of the merchant marine, but the difficulties, he said, were enormous. He strongly urged that the Munitions Bill should be passed as quickly as possible because that step would promote the building of merchantmen.

MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

December 23 10.35 p.m.
 General Townshend reports that the night of the 21st-22nd was quiet.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 23, 12.35 p.m.
 An official despatch from Headquarters in France states that, early in the morning, the enemy made an unsuccessful bombing attack on a post near Plogast Wood. The day was brighter and consequently active, the preponderance of activity being on our side.

December 24, 1.5 a.m.
 Paris communique states that the centre of interest continues, for the moment, to be near Hartmannswillerkopf, where the French left has partially retired from the northern slopes but where the centre and right, on the south-eastern crests, hold all the conquered ground on a front of two kilometres. The enemy artillery continues to plaster the northern slopes. A snowstorm has interrupted operations. Mine-fighting in Woivre, south-west of Apremont, resulted in favour of the French.

GENERAL CASTELNAU AT SALONICA.

December 24, 3.40 a.m.
 General Castelnau, Chief of the French Staff, has arrived at Salonica in order to inspect the front.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

December 24, 4.30 a.m.
 Artillery fire continues along the whole Italian front.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND THE TRADE UNIONS.

December 24, 4.30 a.m.
 Mr. Lloyd George at Glasgow received a deputation of munitions officials and Trade Unionists. There was a general exchange of opinions regarding the introduction of more unskilled labour, which is at present the most urgent problem. Preparations have been completed for a great meeting on Christmas Day, at which Mr. Lloyd George will explain to the Trade Union representatives the need for suspending Trade Union regulations.

THE GERMAN AMERICAN.

December 24, 4.00 a.m.
 Reuter's New York correspondent says that Paul Koenig and Heyendicker (whose case was mentioned on December 17) have been committed for trial for "organizing in the United States a military enterprise against Canada." The man Justice was also committed for trial.

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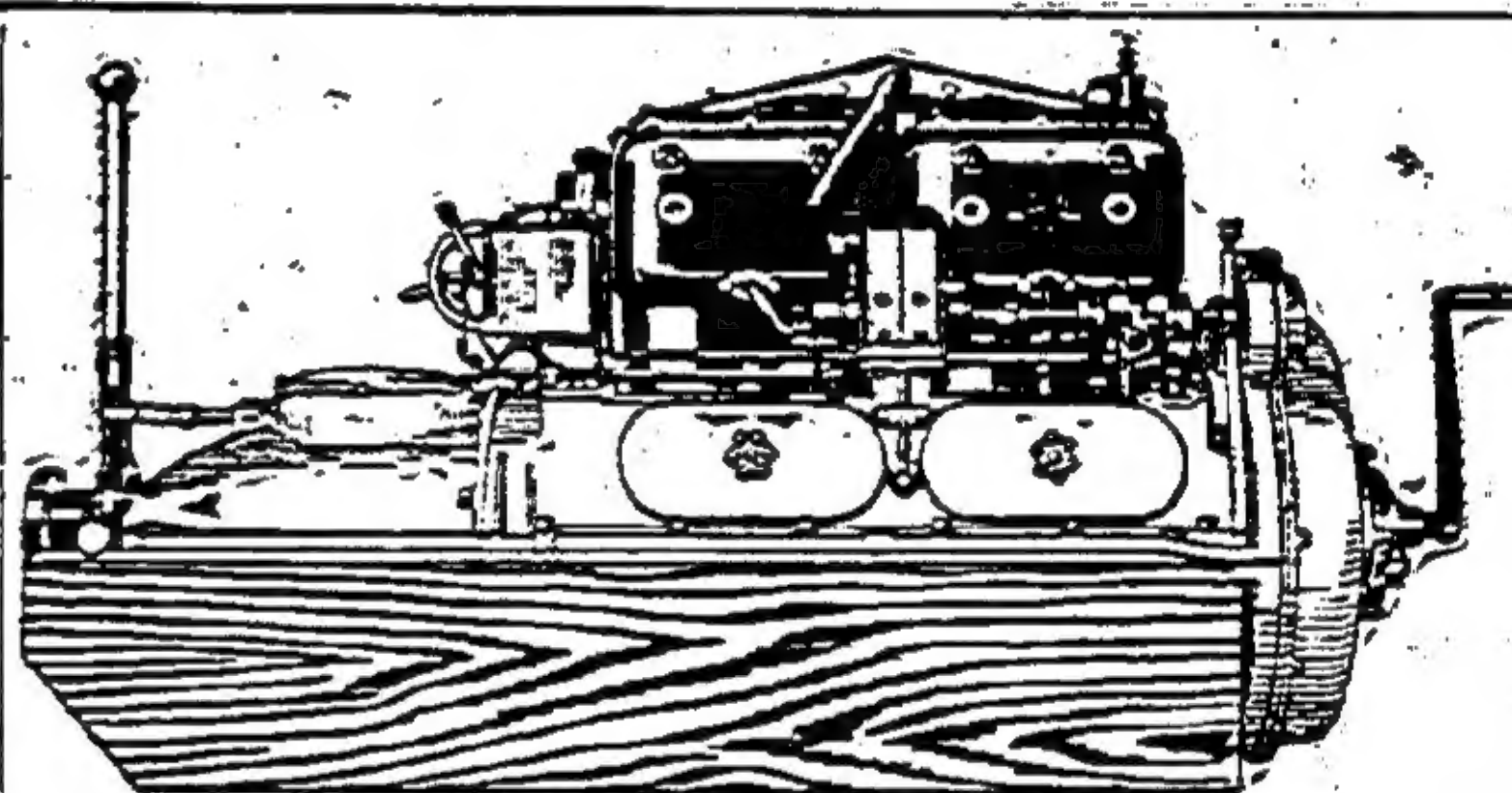
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STOCK	1914	1914	1915	1915	Last Dividend and Date
Banking	Close	Number of Shares	Per Cent	Per Cent	
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120,000	3285	all	955	July 700 Oct. 245 x div. 790 a. div.
Marine Insurance					
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	2250	50	350	Dec. 305 Oct. 425 360
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	215	50	145	May 138 Jan. 175 160
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	12,400	3250	100	847	April 700 Oct. 972 855
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	1160	60	210	April 1924 Jan. 270 225
Fire Insurance					
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	1100	20	160	July 140 Oct. 162 180
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	350	50	395	Feb. 368 April 420 385
Shipping					
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	350	all	36	Mar. 274 Nov. 100 45
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	115	all	234	Jan. 22 Dec. 25 19
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.	60,000	45	all	79	Jan. 50 Sept. 162 96
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	41	all	106	Feb. 70 Sept. 90 x div. 82 x div.
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	110	all	49	Mar. 40 Nov. 39 32
Refineries					
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	1100	all	96	Feb. 70 Nov. 134 111
Luxon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	1100	all	31	Jan. 17 Dec. 46 274
Mining					
Katien Mining Admin. Soc.	1,000,000	21	all	41	Feb. 33/6 Dec. 36/6 30
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	21	all	31	Jan. 190 Nov. 4 314
Tonghai Mines Ltd.	160,000	21	all	39	Feb. 19/6 Nov. 32/6 25
Ural-Caspian	796,666	21	all	56	Feb. 21/3 37/6 1 interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns					
Hongkong & W. & G. Co., Ltd.	20,000	350	all	89	Jan. 73 Nov. 81 68
Hongkong & W. & G. Co., Ltd.	20,000	350	all	77	Jan. 53 Oct. 384 57
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,700	1100	all	60	July 50 Dec. 63 49 ex div.
Shanghai & H.K. W. Co., Ltd.	55,700	1100	all	109	Jan. 824 Dec. 994 80
Land, Hotels and Buildings					
Anglo French Land	13,000	1100	1100	94	Dec. 94 94
Hongkong Land Co., Ltd.	20,000	350	50	123	July 120 Dec. 116 112
Hongkong Land Investment Co.	50,000	1100	all	117	July 98 Nov. 111 x div. 108
Hongkong Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	150,000	1100	all	97	Jan. 7 Nov. 74 610
Kloong Land & Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	350	30	45	Jan. 44 Feb. 40 40
Shanghai Land	78,000	150	all	98	Dec. 89 Oct. 106 101
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,200	350	all	73	June 66 Feb. 103 100
Hongkong Central Estate	10,000	1100	all	73	June 66 Feb. 103 100
Cotton Mills					
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	150	all	128	July 135 May 180 135
Kung Yik	20,000	150	all	144	Jan. 11 Mar. 17 130
Leong Kung Mow	8,000	150	all	110	Feb. 70 Nov. 89 80
Shanghai Cottons	40,000	150	all	135	Feb. 70 Nov. 105 50
Yangtze Paper	175,000	15	all	—	— 61 61
Miscellaneous					
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	all	12	May 10 Dec. 10 10
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	45	all	490	July 4 April 474 474
Do. (Spec. shares)	50,000	41	all	9	Jan. 7 Nov. 10 10
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	125,000	110	all	39	June 35 Aug. 34 31
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	40,000	74	6	690	Jan. 5 Dec. 11 670
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	110	all	49	Jan. 36 Nov. 45 39
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	470	all	217	July 174 Dec. 190 184
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,500	425	all	25	June 22 Apr. 43 25
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	110	all	13	July 7 Feb. 590 480
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	51	all	64	Mar. 28 Dec. 42 363
Langkate	250,000	110	all	104	Jan. 94 June 10 9
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	110	all	23	Jan. 75 cts. Dec. 41 60 cts.
Do (New) 85 cts.	50,000	110	all	—	— 4 4
Philippines Ltd.	12,000	110	all	—	— 5 5
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	12,000	110	all	—	— 20 20
Societe des Pulpes et Papier	12,000	110	all	—	— 20 20
teries du Tonkin	12,000	110	all	—	— 20 20
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	45	all	500	June 4 Nov. 34 310
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	110	all	22	Feb. 17 Jan. 18 16
Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	110	all	84	April 69 Dec. 650 x div. 61 x div. 60 cts. for 1914
William Powell, Limited	11,000	47	all	94	Jan. 64 Dec. 7 54
S. C. Morning Post	6,000	25	all	30	June 92 Dec. 29 29

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 14 sales.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$7 buy-ers.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.75 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) 574 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3.40 buy-ers.	Malaka Findas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$1.34 buyers.
Linggia 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Serdangs (Straits) \$6.75 buyers.	Malakoffs (Straits) \$3.50 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.45 buyers.

WRIGHT & HORNBY.

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6, Des Vaux Road Central Tel. address, Rectitude.

CORRECTED TO 2008, DEC. 24, 1915.

ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS.

THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby, in their share report dated December 24, state:—

The December settlement which was the biggest for many years passed off very satisfactorily on the 22nd instant and as expected the share market immediately developed general activity again. The market closes firm with values for the more speculative stocks considerably higher than they were last week.

Per Silver is quoted at 25 12/18 per oz. for ready.

Exchange on London opened to-day at 11/16 13/16 T.T. on Shanghai 75 T.T. and 75 1/2 for 3d/s bills.

Banking—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks were done at \$800 closing steady as the rate.

Marine Insurance—Cantons have come to business at the reduced rate of \$445 and there are further buyers. North China are wanted in the North at 17 1/4. Unions were sold in fair quantities at \$900 closing steady. Yangtze are offering at \$220 ex. 41.

Fire Insurance—China Fire were booked at \$150 closing with further buyers. Hongkong Fire after dropping to \$402, quickly recovered to \$404 buyers.

Shipping—Indo-China have been very firm during the week and business has been done at various rates from \$153 to \$166 cash and the equivalent for forward delivery. The Preferred have declined to \$58 sales and sellers and the deferred have advanced to \$108 buyers. Douglas's have risen from \$94 to \$101, cash sales have taken place at various intermediate rates, at the close there are buyers at \$164. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are firm with buyers at \$20. Star Ferries are obtainable at \$37.

Refineries—China Sugars were sold at \$124 for settlement account, but quickly recovered and closed with buyers at \$128. Lessons are quiet at \$37.

Mining—Kailans are unchanged and without business at \$35. Rauba are firm at \$3.55 buyers after sales. Trochoc are in demand at \$26.

Oils—Shell Transports are quoted locally 85/- buyers, the London rate is 9 1/2. Middle price, but the interim dividend of 2/- per share just declared. Ural Caspians are offering at 3 1/2. Langkats have been neglected during the week and are quoted Tls. 35 1/2 buyers.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Nowlon Wharves are firm at \$77 after sales. Docks are wanted at \$83 after sales at \$83 and \$84. Shanghai Docks are quoted at Tls. 58 in the north and Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 95 sellers.

Land, Hotels and Buildings—Central Estates are wanted at \$101. Hongkong Hotels were booked at \$108 and there are further buyers. Hongkong Lands are steady at \$103 1/2. Humphreys Estates were sold at \$6.80 and close with buyers at \$6.70. Kowloon Lands have buyers at \$40 and West Point at \$74.

Cotton Mills—All Cotton Mill shares keep very quiet and with the exception of few transactions in Kung Yik at Tls. 13 1/2 and at Tls. 14 and in Shanghai Cottons at \$6 and \$6 1/2 there is no business to report.

Miscellaneous—There are buyers of China Borneo at \$104. China Providents at \$9.70. Cements at \$10.55. Low Level Trams at \$5 1/2 and Peak Trams at \$10 for the old and 85 cents for the new shares. There are sellers of Dairy Farms at \$30. Electric at \$44. Ropes at \$33. Union Waterboats at \$16 and Wm. Powells at \$6.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

Per P. and O. steamer Arabia. From London Nov. 13.—To Shanghai: Mr J. C. Hansen, Miss G. Thomas, Mr W. More Moore, Mrs Mitchell, Mr G. Chaplin, Miss B. G. Neale, Mrs Martin, Miss and Mrs Briner, Mr W. E. Ball, Mr H. Jory, Mr C. Springer.—To Hongkong: Mr W. G. Jarke, Miss Ferry, Miss F. N. Copper, Mrs Foulks and child, Mr and Mrs G. Wills and 4 children, Miss J. E. Fernie.

Per N.Y.K. ss. Atsuta Maru. From London November 20.—To Shanghai: Mr S. M. Gubbay, Miss A. Fairley, Mrs Liddell and To Hongkong: Mr G. Worby, Mr and Mrs Findley Smith, Mr B. E. Spencer-Payne, Mr Jas. Spiers, Mr O. Hughes, Mr H. Sobier.

Per N.Y.K. steamer Yasaka Maru. From London December 4.—To Shanghai: Miss H. D. Beebe, Mrs F. Wells-Henderson, Mr and Mrs Seth and infant, Mr B. Macfarlane, Miss C. Featherstone, Miss Taylor, Mr and Mrs. Aiky and infant. To Hongkong: Mr L. Lee, Mrs V. J. Tartarin and 5 children, Miss V. Tartarin, Miss H. Tartarin, Mr. Mrs and Miss L. Lacour, Mrs Bishop.

Per P. and O. steamer Karmala. From London December 11.—To Shanghai: Miss G. Whittall, Mr and Mrs Radford.

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EXCHANGE

Selling	Buying
T/T Demand Germany	110 13/16
T/T Demand France	110 13/16
T/T Demand Paris	110 13/16
On Haiphong	54 1/2 prem.
On Saigon	5
On Bangkok	51 1/4
4 m/s. L/C	111 9/16
4 m/s. D/P	111 11/16
6 m/s. L/C	111 13/16
30 d/s. Sney & M.	111 13/16
30 d/s. San Foo & N.Y.	46 1/2
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	2 1/4
Gold Leaf per oz.	\$58.80
Sovereign	\$105.50 nom.
Bar Silver ready	25 15/16
forward	—

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cts. pieces	\$18 1/8	Hongkong 20 cts. pieces	\$10 1/4
Chinese	10 cts.	\$16 1/2	Hongkong 10 cts.	\$10 1/4

BANKS

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CAPITAL PAID-UP \$3,250,000

RESERVE FUNDS \$4,210,000

(U.S. Gold) \$7,460,000

ALL KINDS OF FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL, Manager

Hongkong, 1st July 1915

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000

Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000

Reserve Fund " 20,000,000

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ON LEE Comptroller, Haiphong Road.
HUNG CHEE NG. do do do
KWONG FOCK. do do do
KWONG YUEN MOW, do do do
LIM KEE. do do do

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We guarantee every thing put up and sold by the Alexandra Cafe to be of first Class Quality. Try our own make Pork Sausages and Pork Pies. Pure Java Coffee Roasted and Grind Daily and put up in 1 lb. Tins at 75 Cents. We give you a Splendid Cup of Lipton's Tea. Minerals and soft drinks of every description. Just give us a Trial and you will be sure to be satisfied.

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Central Chambers—Board and Residence from \$3.50 per day or \$85.00 per month.

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CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and SHANGHAI.

"SHINYO MARU."

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside. Cargo remaining undelivered on 22nd Dec. at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all Goods remaining undelivered on 27th December at noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.
All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Godown, where they will be examined on 30th December at 10 a.m.
No Claim will be recognised if filed after the 4th January 1916.
K. DOL
Acting Agent
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

MEE CHEUNG,

PHOTOGRAPHER.

FLOOD PICTURES

of
CANTON, SHAMEEN,
WEST RIVER
AND
VARIOUS DISTRICTS
NOW ON SALE

Hongkong, 18th July, 1913.

NOTICE.

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(Capital Paid up—\$1,250,000.)

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Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application.)
The Office of
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF
WILLIS, ATTORNEY, &c.,
Undertaken and Executed by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1890.

NOTICES.

KEROSENE OIL

We guarantee all kerosene oil sold by us to be pure and unadulterated.
Present price—

"COMET."

\$3.90 per case ex store.

"WHITE ROSE."

\$4.30 per case ex store.

CHING CHEONG

168 Des Voeux Road, Cen.
(2 blocks West of Cent. Market.)
KWONG YUEN.
91 Des Voeux Road, West

POST OFFICE.

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows—

\$2.50 for the first lb. or fraction thereof.

10.50 for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 1st January from 8 to 2 p.m.
There will be one collection and delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 3 a.m. on the 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holiday.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agulhas Radio Telegraph Station—

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Fort Bayard & Haiphong—Per HUE, 28th Dec. 11 a.m.

Svalow, Amoy & Pootung—Per HAI-MUN, 28th Dec. noon.

Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 28th Dec. 3 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per ANHEU, 28th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Shanghai B.P.O. Saturday, 1st Jan.)

Batavia, Samarang, Soerabaya and Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TITABOEM, 28th Dec. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 29th Dec.

America, Canada, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per ANHEU, 29th Dec. 11 a.m.

(Shanghai B.P.O. Saturday, 1st Jan.)

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per FOOSHING, 29th Dec. 2 p.m.

THURSDAY 30th Dec.

Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles & London—Per KASHIMA M., 30th Dec. 11 a.m.

English Mail.

Straits, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, India, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. The vessel will be closed on Wednesday, 29th Dec. at 5 p.m.—Per NANKIN, 30th Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai B.P.O. Monday, 3rd Jan.

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TUESDAY, 4th Jan.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 4th Jan. 3 p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

27th Dec. to 2nd Jan., 1916.

Day	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Day	Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon. 27	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1
Tues. 28	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1
Wed. 29	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1
Thurs. 30	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1
Fri. 31	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1
Sat. 1	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1
Sun. 2	11.4	4.1	1.1	1.1

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Bonley Maru, Jap. ss. 1397, T. Tander, 26th Dec.—Singapore, 27th Dec. Gen.—M.B.K.

Yai Maru, Jap. ss. 1634, N. Nishikawa, 26th Dec.—Wakamatsu, 27th Dec. Gen.—M.B.K.

Takung, Br. ss. R. A. Matthews, 26th Dec.—Haiphong, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Taiyo Maru, Jap. ss. 1636, T. Furuta, 26th Dec.—Takung, 27th Dec. Gen.—M.B.K.

Hosokawa, Br. ss. 1222, W. Shana, 26th Dec.—Takung, 27th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Phonaph, Br. ss. 1165, N. C. Bird, 26th Dec.—Baigon, 27th Dec. General—Ordn.

Chien Maru, Jap. ss. 1004, J. K. Oka, 26th Dec.—Haiphong, 27th Dec. Gen.—Chien.

Naimang, Br. ss. 2381, H. E. Gifford, 26th Dec.—Calcutta, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Shanghai, Br. ss. 1308, Hobbs, 26th Dec.—Wakamatsu, 27th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Shikang, Br. ss. 1416, C. C. Williams, 26th Dec.—Shanghai, 27th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 25.

Harmes for Baik papen
Taiwan Maru for Canton
Castledale for Canton
Kasugai for Manila
Naimang for Haiphong via Takung
Hosokawa for Shanghai
Luzon Maru for Bombay via Singapore
Daijin Maru for Tamsui via Swatow
Yokota Maru for Seattle via Manila

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. Bonley Maru from Singapore—Mr. M. Tander.

Per ss. Phonaph from Saigon—Mr. W. C. Barnes.

Per ss. Naimang from Calcutta—Mr. & Mrs. Dolan, Mr. & Mrs. Nicolson, Mr. & Mrs. Walsfield, Messrs. Morris, Kerr and Green, Mrs. Norton, Miss Long, Miss Dell.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Dec., 1915.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

System	At 10 a.m.	At 12 noon	At 2 p.m.	At 4 p.m.	At 6 p.m.	At 8 p.m.	At 10 p.m.
City	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4
Hill	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of millions of gallons during the month of Nov. 1915.

System	At 10 a.m.	At 12 noon	At 2 p.m.	At 4 p.m.	At 6 p.m.	At 8 p.m.	At 10 p.m.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 26th at 10.45—The anticyclone has moved rapidly eastward. It is now central over mid Japan.

A depression has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Pressure changes in the South are small.

The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Sharp Peak. It will remain fresh to moderate over China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 2,000 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.

Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood.

2 Fuzhou Channel.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamcocks.

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China Coast Meteorological Register.

24th December, a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Wind.

Force.

Weather.

W. 30.25

N. 30.40

E. 30.45

S. 30.45

W. 30.45

N. 30.45

E. 30.45

S. 30.45

W. 30.45

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